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# A SPECIAL CLASS OF SENIORS

This spring marks the final season for five seniors with the University of Northern Iowa baseball program: Jeremy Bunkers, Jason Eldridge, Aaron Lubach, Scott Schirmer and Jesse Zimmer. It also figures to be the final campaign for junior Matt Cobb, who plans to graduate in the spring and attend medical school at Kansas in the future.

Over the past three seasons, this senior class has a record of 86-79, and they need 27 wins to become the winningest senior class in Panther baseball history.

For seniors Aaron Lubach and Scott Schirmer, it marks the culmination of a career that included a 32-23 season in 1997. In that season, the Panthers finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference, as Schirmer was named to the all-MVC honorable mention team. Last season Lubach was used as both closer and set-up man, notching a perfect 3-0 record in the process.

Last year, Bunkers, Eldridge, Kent and Zimmer all transferred into the Northern Iowa program, and immediately played a key role as the team opened the season with a 13-2 record. Bunkers ended the year second on the team with 10 starts, while winning his first two starts for the Panthers. Eldridge went from a platoon player early in the season to UNI's regular rightfielder, finishing the year with a .296 average and four homers. Zimmer had one of the best offensive seasons by a UNI middle infielder in history, earning all-MVC honorable mention honors after tying a school-record with 16 homers and leading the team with 61 RBI.

Cobb, although just a sophomore last season, arguably meant more to the team's success than anyone else. Early in the season, he was used as a closer and shut the door a school-record 10 times. When injuries took its toll on the starting rotation midway through the season, Cobb was moved into the starting rotation, where he threw 10.1 innings in his second start. Later on in the year he would throw a complete-game victory over #7 Wichita State, a special feat for the Wichita native. Cobb racked up his share of postseason awards too, being named all-MVC, second-team all-Midwest, and he was the lone unanimous selection to the Valley's Scholar-Athlete team.

In addition to assuming the mentoring roles of the team's freshman this fall, the seniors had the task of learning from a new coach, Rick Heller.

"When I came in, I was a little leery on what to expect from the seniors," said Heller. "With a new coach, it would have been real easy for those guys to go through the motions and get out of here, but they didn't do that. They accepted me and made me feel welcome. They've bought into some of the new ideas that I've brought and worked hard to set the standard for all of the young guys during our workouts.

"The whole team has worked really hard, and that's one thing they'll have to do to reach the goals that they've set. And they've followed through to this point."



*Jesse Zimmer*



*Scott Schirmer*



*Aaron Lubach*



*Jeremy Bunkers*



*Matt Cobb*

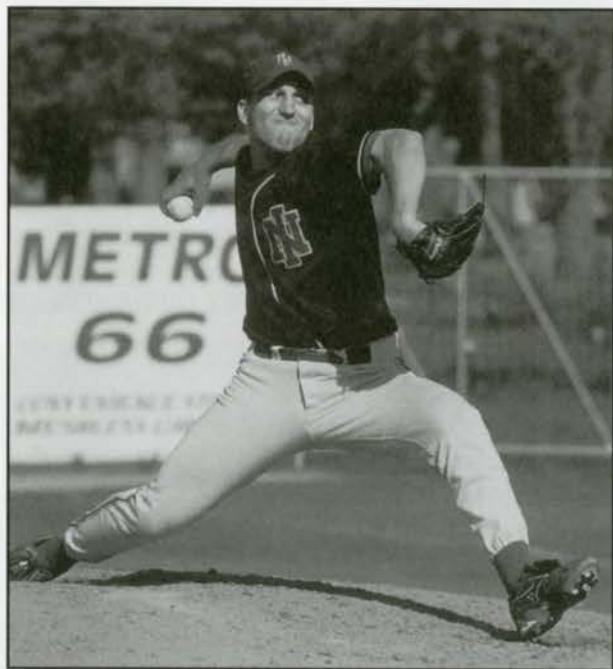


*Jason Eldridge*

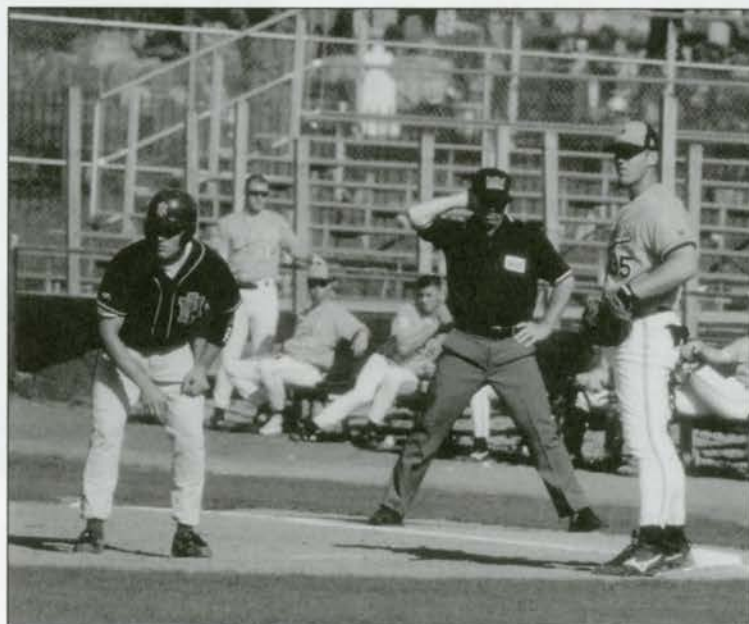


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*Junior pitcher Matt Cobb*



*Sophomore infielder Travis Welsch*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### University of Northern Iowa

**Founded:** 1876

**Enrollment:** 13,553

**Nickname:** Panthers

**Colors:** Purple and Old Gold

**Home Field (Cap.):** Waterloo Riverfront Stadium (4,277)

**Surface/Dim.:** Grass L-335, LC-360, C-380, RC-360, R-335

**Conference:** Missouri Valley

**President:** Dr. Robert Koob

**Athletic Director:** Rick Hartzell

**Athletics Web Site:** <http://www.uni.edu/athletic>

## BASEBALL INFORMATION

**Head Coach:** Rick Heller

**Alma Mater, Year:** Upper Iowa, 1986

**Record at UNI:** First Year

**Career Record (Years):** 291-194-3 (12)

**Heller Office Phone:** (319) 273-6323

**Assistant Coach:** Jack Sole

**Assistant Coach:** Todd Rima

**Assistant Coach:** Mike Waller

**Assistant Coaches Phone:** (319) 273-7457

**Strength/Conditioning Coach:** Jim Kramer

**Trainer:** Shantelle Weichers

**Student Trainer:** Mark Doren

**Secretary:** Linda Wiges

**1999 Record:** 28-26

**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 13-17/7th

**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 13/10

**Starting Position Players Returning/Lost:** 4/5

**Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 3/2

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## Keep Up With UNI Athletics on the Internet

Located at [www.uni.edu/athletic](http://www.uni.edu/athletic), the UNI Athletics home page offers detailed and timely information about all of the Panthers athletic teams.

Updated statistics, game notes, rosters, schedules, student-athlete biographies and links to *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* articles are just a sampling of the information that can be found. In addition, a bulletin board, voting booth, and Real Audio broadcasts add to the fun. The web site is updated daily by Baseball SID Robert Anderson.

The Missouri Valley Conference home page has relocated to [www.mvc-sports.com](http://www.mvc-sports.com) and contains information regarding scores, standings, statistics, conference notes and the MVC Player of the Week.



Third baseman Aaron McEachran



Robert Anderson

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Northern Iowan	(319) 273-2157	(319) 273-5931
Associated Press	(515) 243-3281	(515) 243-1550
Television	Phone	Fax
KWWL-TV	(319) 291-1290	(319) 291-1233
KCRG-TV	(319) 398-8391	(319) 368-8505
KGAN-TV	(319) 395-9081	(319) 395-0113
Radio	Phone	Fax
KCNZ	(319) 277-1918	(319) 277-5202
KCRR	(319) 233-9770	(319) 235-7774
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**Interview Policies:** Coach Heller and all UNI players will be available for post-game interviews outside the dugout following the final game of the day. For non-post-game interviews, contact Robert Anderson at (319) 273-2932. Do not contact players directly.

**Press Luncheons:** When in town, Coach Heller will speak at the weekly UNI Press Luncheon, held each Monday at noon at Pepper's on 18th Street in Cedar Falls. The public is welcome to attend.

**Fax-On-Demand:** The Missouri Valley Conference and its member schools use the Pivotal Communications fax-on-demand service for the convenience of their media. A 24-hour, seven-day-a-week service, Pivotal provides information available in weekly press releases, updated box scores and statistics via fax or e-mail. More information is available at [www.mediateamlink.com](http://www.mediateamlink.com).

To use the system, dial (770) 558-6000 from the handset of a fax machine. A voice message system will prompt category entries. The MVC directory is at 6000. Northern Iowa's weekly release (updated Tuesdays) is at 6743 and updated statistics are at 6742. UNI's most recent box score can be found at 6744. The MVC standings are available at 6044.

**Scoreboard phone:** The conference office maintains the scoreboard phone that may be reached by calling (314) 997-9877. Scores from Valley baseball are updated each evening.



## 2000 Northern Iowa Baseball Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (Last School)
1	Jared Rahe	So.	IF	R/R	5-8	170	Bancroft, Iowa (Iowa Central CC)
2	Travis Welsch*	So.	IF	R/R	5-11	175	Muscatine, Iowa (Muscatine HS)
3	Brock Beekmann	Fr.	OF	L/L	6-1	170	Sioux City, Iowa (Sioux City East HS)
4	Josh Habel*	So.	LHP	L/L	6-0	180	Dubuque, Iowa (Dubuque Hempstead)
6	Brady Weber*	So.	C	L/R	5-9	175	Urbandale, Iowa (Urbandale HS)
7	Tim Saehler	Fr.	LHP	L/L	6-0	165	Iowa City, Iowa (Iowa City HS)
8	Jon Kent	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-2	220	Center City, Minnesota (North Hennepin JC)
9	Jason Chalupsky*	Jr.	LHP	L/L	6-3	195	Jordan, Minnesota (Jordan HS)
10	Jesse Zimmer*	Sr.	IF	L/R	6-0	185	Princeton, Minnesota (Waldorf JC)
11	Drew Kelly	Fr.	RHP	R/R	5-10	170	Charles City, Iowa (Charles City HS)
12	Brock Sabers	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Jesup, Iowa (Jesup HS)
13	Terry Reiners	So.	OF	R/R	6-2	189	Ft. Dodge, Iowa (Fort Dodge Senior HS)
15	Greg Torgerson	Fr.	1B/OF	L/L	6-1	205	Independence, Iowa (Independence HS)
16	Scott Schirmer***	Sr.	OF	R/R	5-9	170	Riverside, Illinois (Fenwick HS)
17	Ben Schroeder	Fr.	OF	L/R	6-0	175	Davenport, Iowa (Assumption HS)
18	Aaron McEachran	Fr.	IF/C	L/R	5-11	185	St. Louis Park, Minnesota (St. Louis Park HS)
19	Jason Eldridge*	Sr.	OF	L/R	6-4	200	Downers Grove, Illinois (Truman State)
20	Matt Cobb**	Jr.	RHP	R/R	5-11	185	Wichita, Kansas (Wichita North HS)
21	Tom Martin*	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Dyersville, Iowa (Beckman HS)
22	Brent Whipps	Fr.	C/3B	R/R	5-9	190	Urbandale, Iowa (Johnston HS)
24	Derrick Frost	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	St. Louis, Missouri (Clayton HS)
25	Brian Kobliska	Fr.	OF	R/R	6-3	225	Raymond, Iowa (East Waterloo HS)
26	Sean LaCoste	Fr.	OF	R/R	6-3	215	Waterloo, Iowa (Waterloo West HS)
27	Brandt Bacus	Fr.	RHP	R/R	6-2	250	Lincoln, Nebraska (Lincoln Southeast HS)
28	Ryan Brunner**	Jr.	1B	L/L	6-0	215	Charles City, Iowa (Charles City HS)
29	Mike Egger*	So.	RHP	R/R	5-11	184	Webster City, Iowa (Webster City Community HS)
30	Scott Miller	So.	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Dubuque, Iowa (Dubuque Wahlert HS)
32	Nic Ungs*	So.	RHP	R/R	6-1	200	Dyersville, Iowa (Beckman HS)
33	Aaron Lubach**	Sr.	RHP	L/R	6-3	195	Pella, Iowa (Pella Community HS)
34	Jeremy Bunkers*	Sr.	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Remsen, Iowa (Lassen JC)
36	B.J. Meaney	Fr.	1B	L/R	6-4	245	Waterloo, Iowa (Waterloo Columbus HS)
37	Matt Numedahl	Fr.	LHP	L/L	5-11	177	Urbandale, Iowa (Urbandale HS)
38	Adam Boeve	Fr.	C	R/R	6-2	200	Doon, Iowa (Central Lyon HS)
39	Shawn Gardner	Jr.	RHP	R/R	6-4	180	Urbandale, Iowa (Des Moines Area Community College)

\* indicates letters won at UNI

**Head Coach:** #14 Rick Heller **Assistant Coaches:** #35 Jack Sole, #23 Todd Rima and #5 Mike Waller

### ROSTER BY CLASS

Freshmen	15
Sophomores	8
Juniors	6
Seniors	5

### ROSTER BY STATE

Iowa	25
Minnesota	4
Illinois	2
Kansas	1
Missouri	1
Nebraska	1

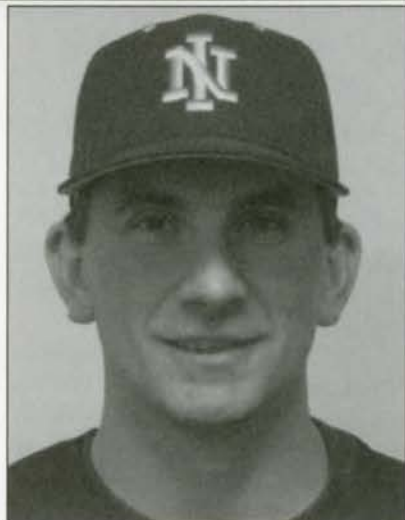
### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Brandt <u>Bacus</u>	BACK-us	Aaron <u>Lubach</u>	LOU-bock
Brock <u>Beekman</u>	BECK-man	Matt <u>Numedahl</u>	NEWM-dall
Adam <u>Boeve</u>	BO-vee	Jared <u>Rahe</u>	RAY
Ryan <u>Brunner</u>	BREW-ner	Todd <u>Rima</u>	RHYME-a
Jason <u>Chalupsky</u>	Sha-LUP-ski	Tim <u>Saehler</u>	SAILOR
Josh <u>Habel</u>	HOBBLE	Ben <u>Schroeder</u>	SCHRO-der
Sean <u>LaCoste</u>	La-KOSS-tee	Jack <u>Sole</u>	SO-lee
Aaron <u>McEachran</u>	Mick-KECK-ran		

### ALPHABETICAL

27	Brandt Bacus	21	Tom Martin
3	Brock Beekmann	18	Aaron McEachran
38	Adam Boeve	36	B.J. Meaney
28	Ryan Brunner	30	Scott Miller
34	Jeremy Bunkers	37	Matt Numedahl
9	Jason Chalupsky	1	Jared Rahe
20	Matt Cobb	13	Terry Reiners
29	Mike Egger	12	Brock Sabers
19	Jason Eldridge	7	Tim Saehler
24	Derrick Frost	16	Scott Schirmer
39	Shawn Gardner	17	Ben Schroeder
4	Josh Habel	15	Greg Torgerson
11	Drew Kelly	32	Nic Ungs
8	Jon Kent	6	Brady Weber
25	Brian Kobliska	2	Travis Welsch
26	Sean LaCoste	22	Brent Whipps
33	Aaron Lubach	10	Jesse Zimmer



**Rick Heller--Head Coach**

Rick Heller was hired in September, 1999 as head baseball coach to replace Dave Schrage, who resigned last July to take the head coaching job at Northern Illinois University. Heller, who emerged from a pool of 89 applicants, had spent the last 12 seasons as head baseball coach at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. In doing so, he became just the sixth UNI baseball coach since 1926.

While at UIU, Heller had a 291-194-3 record in 12 seasons as head coach and was named Iowa Conference Coach of the Year four times. The Peacocks won three regular-season championships and one Iowa Conference Tournament title in his tenure.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring Rick Heller to UNI," said UNI Athletic Director Rick Hartzell. "He comes to us with excellent credentials and with an outstanding coaching record. He is highly regarded nationally and will give our baseball program a chance to continue to grow into a competitive force both in the Missouri Valley Conference and nationally."

Heller arrived in Fayette in the fall of 1987 and quickly turned things around, earning his first Iowa Conference Coach of the Year honor in 1989. One year later, he led Upper Iowa to its first winning season in any sport in 17 years. In 1993, Heller won his first conference championship, also the first for any UIU program in 20 years, while advancing to the NCAA III Regionals.

Heller's team won the Iowa Conference and advanced to the NCAA Regionals again in 1995. His team finished 19th in the national rankings as he won his third Coach of the Year honor. He repeated Coach of the Year honors again in 1996 as the Peacocks won the Iowa Conference and Central Regional to advance to the NCAA III College World Series. His team finished the year ranked sixth nationally and he was named NCAA III Central Region Coach of the Year. In the process, that 39-12 team set a new school record for wins.

In 1997, his team was ranked seventh nationally in the pre-season poll and won the Iowa Conference Tournament. In 1998 his team reached as high as 10th nationally while finishing with a 38-8 record to set a school record for winning percentage. Last year UIU finished 30-15-1 and finished third in the Iowa Conference while setting five different school records.

In his 12 seasons, 22 players earned first-team all-conference honors, with 21 others earning honorable-mention all-conference plaudits.

As a player at Upper Iowa from 1982-86, he was a four-year starter and also lettered three times in football and twice in basketball. He is the only Upper Iowa athlete to letter in those three sports in the same year since 1961.

Heller's family consists of his wife, Donna, and daughters Tara (19) and Alyssa (10).

**HELLER'S RECORD AT UPPER IOWA**

Year	W-L-T	Pct.
1988	7-30	.189
1989	10-23	.303
1990	19-17	.527
1991	22-13	.629
1992	23-16	.590
1993	21-15-1	.581
1994	21-18-1	.538
1995	31-13	.705
1996	39-12	.765
1997	30-14	.682
1998	38-8	.826
1999	30-15-1	.663
<b>12 yrs.</b>	<b>291-194-3</b>	<b>.601</b>

**HELLER'S HIGHLIGHTS AT UPPER IOWA**

- 1999** Went 30-15-1 ...Set new school records in five different categories.
- 1998** 38-8 season record ...Ranked as high as 10th in NCAA Division III.
- 1997** Iowa Conference Tournament Champions ...Ranked seventh nationally in NCAA III preseason poll.
- 1996** NCAA III College World Series qualifiers ...Central Region Champions ...Iowa Conference Champions ...Ranked sixth nationally in final NCAA III poll ...Iowa Conference Coach of the Year ...NCAA III Central Region Coach of the Year ...Iowa High School Coaches Association Four-Year College Coach of the Year ...Set school record for wins in a season with a 39-12 record.
- 1995** Iowa Conference Champions ...Iowa Conference Coach of the Year ...NCAA III Central Regional Qualifier ...Ranked 19th nationally in final poll.
- 1993** Iowa Conference Champions, the first at UIU in 20 years (any sport) ...Iowa Conference Coach of the Year ...NCAA III Central Regional Qualifier ...Iowa High School Coaches Association Four-Year College Coach of the Year.
- 1990** First winning season at Upper Iowa in 17 years (any sport).
- 1989** Iowa Conference Coach of the Year.
- 1982-86** Won four letters in baseball, three letters in football and two letters in basketball as a student-athlete at Upper Iowa University.



## ASSISTANT COACHES



**Assistant Coach  
Jack Sole**

Jack Sole begins his fourth season with the Panthers and his second as the top assistant at UNI. He is in charge of the pitchers and catchers, and aids in recruiting.

He's no stranger to new coach Rick Heller either, having played and coached at Upper Iowa while Heller was head coach of the Peacocks.

As a player, Sole spent a year at Lassen Junior College and three years at Upper Iowa, where he was IIAC batting title runner-up as a senior.

From 1990-93, Sole served as an assistant at Upper Iowa, where the 1993 squad also set a school record for victories while winning the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title. That '93 team also advanced to the NCAA Regional playoffs. Sole started his coaching career at Lassen Junior College in 1989.

Sole served as an assistant at Yuba Junior College in California from 1994-96, where the 49ers posted a school record for wins with 29 his final year.

During the summer of 1993 Sole was the head coach for the Portland Bucks in the Northwest Collegiate Baseball League, making it to the NCBL Championship game.

A native of Battle Ground, Wash., Sole received his bachelors degree in Physical Education from Upper Iowa in 1989.

He and his wife, Colleen have a four-year old son, J.T.



**Assistant Coach  
Todd Rima**

Todd Rima returns to the UNI coaching staff for his second season after a standout career in a Panther uniform. Rima, who worked primarily with infielders last season, will work more closely with the outfielders this spring.

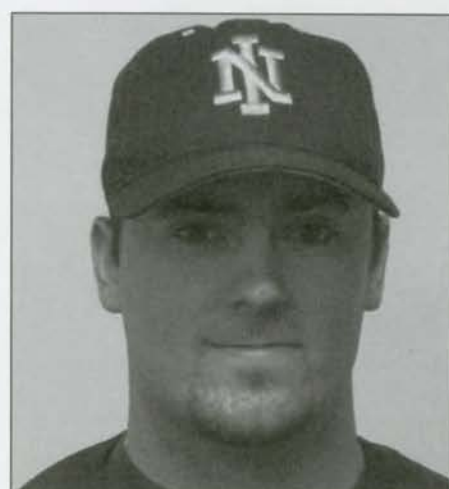
Last season Rima's infielders turned 61 double-plays in just 54 games to rank best in the Valley and tied for 12th nationally. That number is more impressive when considering that UNI's primary middle infielders were newcomers Travis Welsch, Ben Fjelland and Jesse Zimmer, along with graduated senior Aaron Houdeshell.

Rima closed out his senior season at UNI in 1998 by earning honorable mention all-MVC honors at second base. He closed his career with school records for at bats (749), hits (218), runs (150) and doubles (57). Rima also ranks in the top five in games played, RBI, total bases, base on balls, and stolen bases. In addition, Rima set a single-season standard with 214 at bats in 1997, since broken by Ben Fjelland last season.

Last spring, Rima spent time playing professionally for the Evansville Otters in the Frontier League.

As a prep, Rima earned 15 varsity letters in baseball, football, tennis and track at Oelwein High. He was a three-time all-conference selection in both baseball and basketball.

The son of Gary and Cindy Rima, his dad broadcasts UNI football and basketball on the Northern Iowa Radio Network and is starting his second season as General Manager of the Waterloo Bucks.



**Assistant Coach  
Mike Waller**

Joining the Northern Iowa baseball staff is volunteer assistant Mike Waller, who spent the past four seasons playing for the Panthers. Waller will work with the UNI catchers this year.

As a player for Northern Iowa from 1996-99, he appeared in 102 games over four seasons. Priding himself on his versatility and defense, Waller played every position except pitcher and first base in his time at UNI.

His best offensive season was his first, as he hit .326 with an on-base percentage above .450 as a true freshman. As a senior, he played in a career-best 30 games and was part of the UNI's winningest senior class ever, amassing 112 wins.

Waller was a standout athlete in high school, earning letters in baseball, track, football and basketball before graduating from Waverly-Shell Rock High in 1995.

Waller got started in coaching during the summer of 1998, where he assisted Johnston (IA) High School to a state tournament berth. Last season, he worked at Waterloo (IA) Columbus High, where the Sailors won more than 20 games and four hitters batted .420 or better. He has coached current Panthers B.J. Meaney and Brent Whipps at the high school level.

Mike has two older brothers, Brad, and Matt, who played baseball and football at UNI, as well as a younger sister, Anne. He is the son of Ken and Kathy Waller.

Waller will graduate from Northern Iowa in the fall of 2000 with a degree in Physical Education. He plans to pursue a career in teaching and coaching.



## New Coach, Experienced Team Seeking Rise In Valley

Expectations are high for the 2000 University of Northern Iowa baseball team. Coming off a 28-26 season and seventh-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, 13 lettermen return seeking to regain a spot in the upper-echelon of the nation's fifth-toughest conference.

The newcomer having the biggest impact on the program will be **Rick Heller**, who was named head coach in September to replace **Dave Schrage** when Schrage resigned in July to take the top position at Northern Illinois. Heller spent 12 seasons at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa, building a Division III powerhouse that accumulated three-regular season and one postseason Iowa Conference title under his tenure.

Heller welcomes back 13 lettermen, including four returning starters in the field from last year's squad.

Four-year starter **Scott Schirmer** returns in centerfield as one of the team leaders and will be counted on to steady an inexperienced outfield. Schirmer hit .324 and tied for the team lead with 49 runs scored last season. He is projected to open the year in the leadoff position after hitting primarily in the sixth or ninth spot a year ago.

"Schirmer will be a four-year starter who we expect to have a great year both offensively and defensively," said Heller. "Hopefully we can turn him loose on the bases this year."

Flanking Schirmer in the outfield will be redshirt freshman **Greg Torgerson** and senior **Jason Eldridge**. Torgerson's left-handed bat and improving defense are slated to land him in left, while Eldridge brings a powerful bat from the left side to his rightfield position.

"Torgerson's a bigger guy who runs well for his size. He made big strides in the fall. He's a good leader for us in the outfield. Jason is a big key to the team. If he can hit the ball like he's capable of, he's a big-time threat."

Three outfielders who redshirted last season but will see considerable time are **Brock Beekman**, **Brian Kobliska** and **Terry Reiners**. Beekman and Reiners both are blessed with tremendous speed, while Kobliska's forte is his powerful bat.

True freshmen **Ben Schoeder** and **Sean LaCoste** will also fight for playing time in the outfield. Schoeder brings impressive high school credentials, and tremendous speed, to the table.



Senior outfielder Jason Eldridge

"Ben is a true freshman who could play a big role this year. Ben will back up all the outfield spots and he gives us good speed on the bases."

LaCoste will attempt to make the conversion from high school infielder to college outfielder after a standout prep career.

An experienced infield sees three of four starters returning, anchored by two-year starter **Ryan Brunner**. Brunner, the 1998 MVC Freshman of the Year, hit .330 while starting all 54 games for UNI last season. His 19 doubles, 12 homers and 52 RBI were all second on the team.

"Brunner is a great player. He's a silent leader who can hit for power, run and throw. He's a definite pro prospect."

Next to Brunner on the right side, senior **Jesse Zimmer** is expected to open as UNI's second baseman after seeing time at both shortstop and third base in his debut season with the Panthers. Zimmer's 16 homers tied **Todd Barkalow's** school record and earned him honorable-mention all-Valley honors at shortstop.

"Zimmer is one of our best hitters, he's able to do it for power and average. I look for him to have a big year. He's come a long way defensively working on his mechanics."

Sophomore **Travis Welsch** made a huge impact in his freshman season, jumping into the starting lineup prior to conference action and hitting .336 in 38 games. Welsch will look to cut down on his 23 errors from a season ago while running more on the basepaths under Heller.

"Travis is a good fielder who has worked hard this winter. He's another guy we hope can steal some bases for us."

Both **Aaron McEachran** and **Brent Whipps** will split time between third base and catcher.

McEachran was hitting .500 through five games a year ago before breaking a bone in his wrist. The coaching staff feels McEachran has one of the better swings on the team and will provide a lift offensively. Whipps redshirted last season but gives UNI a right-handed bat in the lineup.



Sophomore pitcher Nic Ungs

### RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

#### Pitchers (8)

Jeremy Bunkers  
Jason Chalupsky ('98)  
Matt Cobb  
Mike Egger  
Josh Habel  
Aaron Lubach  
Tom Martin  
Nic Ungs

#### Position Players (6)

Ryan Brunner  
Jason Eldridge  
Scott Schirmer  
Brady Weber  
Travis Welsch  
Jesse Zimmer

**Letterwinners Lost (9):** Kirk Chamberlain, Kevin Ciarrachi, Ben Fjelland, Matt Friedman, Aaron Houdeshell, Dan Heefner, Mitch Price, Luke Sabers, Mike Waller and Greg Woodin.



"McEachran has a good stick from the left-side of the plate. He's got a strong arm and good hands at third base and will also see some time behind the plate."

Sophomore **Brady Weber** will get the chance to win the starting job at catcher after spending most of last year as a DH and pinch-hitter. Another left-handed bat, Weber worked hard in the off-season to improve his defense. Freshman **Adam Boeve**, a member of the UNI football team, will redshirt, but is another former all-state catcher in the program.

"Weber worked hard during the winter on his framing and his blocking. He's a solid hitter and will have to step it up to be an everyday catcher. I think he's up to it."

Adding depth around the infield will be newcomers **Jared Rahe** and **B. J. Meaney**. A DH and first baseman candidate, Meaney was one of the best power hitters in the state last season at Waterloo Columbus High. Rahe is a transfer from Iowa Central who Heller projects as a second baseman.

UNI's pitching staff returns eight letterwinners and could be one of the deepest in the league provided they stay healthy.

"This staff has had some arm troubles, so a concern of mine is staying healthy."

1999 all-MVC reliever **Matt Cobb** had 10 saves before he was moved into the starting rotation in the middle of last season and pitched well, including a defeat of #7 Wichita State. Cobb is slated to be used as a starter, but has a resilient arm and will also spend time as the Panther closer in key situations.

"Cobb's probably the best competitor on the team and the leader of the pitching staff. We know we've got a chance to win everytime he steps on the mound."

Projected as the second starter is sophomore **Nic Ungs**. Ungs had a 4-1 record and 6.75 in 11 appearances, including nine starts, and had a strong summer that impressed scouts throughout the Midwest.

"Nic is a bulldog of a competitor with an above-average fastball. Along with Cobb, he gives us a strong 1-2 combination."

Senior **Aaron Lubach** shared the closer's role with Cobb last season, but has the ability to be a spot starter or long reliever.

"I've got a lot of confidence in Lubach, he's mature and has a great attitude."

The rest of the starting rotation will be split between numerous returners, although many of them have a history of arm trouble.

Junior **Tom Martin** got off to a strong start last season but missed the majority of the conference slate due to injury. Senior **Jeremy Bunkers** was bothered by nerves in his throwing elbow during the winter, but continues rehab to regain control of his talented right arm.

"For us to have the kind of season that we want, we need to have both Tom Martin and Jeremy Bunkers healthy. They'll both be main guys."

Last season, **Josh Habel** was the only lefty on the staff. That won't be the case this season, and the coaching staff expects bright things from the sophomore southpaw.

"I have a lot of confidence in Josh. I know he can win in this league, and we expect a lot out of him this year."

**Scott Miller** was used as a middle reliever and midweek starter last year. This season he will have the chance to do all of the above and may gain a tryout as the team's closer at some point.



Junior first baseman Ryan Brunner

"Miller's another kid who has started to come into his own. He's got a lot of confidence and a curveball that is a great out pitch."

Two lefties who didn't pitch last season, **Tim Saehler** and **Jason Chalupsky**, will also throw if healthy. Chalupsky missed all of last year after shoulder surgery, while Saehler was redshirted.

Several right-handed freshmen come in with high credentials. **Drew Kelly** was a three-time state wrestling champ and also an all-state pitcher as a prep. Heller thinks Kelly's wrestling mentality will suit him well for a closer role in the future. **Brock Sabers**, brother of former Panther **Luke Sabers**, is a candidate to redshirt, but will work hard to gain a spot in the rotation.

Looking to the bullpen, sophomore **Mike Egger** and Lubach shared the closer's role when Cobb became a starter with positive results. **Jon Kent** has tremendous potential, but was hampered by control problems a year ago. All three will be counted on in the late innings again this spring.

"Egger wants the ball when the game is on the line and when he's throwing strikes, he can come in and do the job."

Freshmen **Derrick Frost**, **Brandt Bacus**, **Matt Numedahl** and junior **Shawn Gardner** round out the staff. Frost and Bacus are both UNI football players with strong arms, while Gardner is a walk-on who has been converted to a submarine pitcher by the Panther coaching staff. Numedahl, another walk-on, had off-season knee surgery and may be redshirted.

Heller is hoping for a top-three finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, a possibility with good health and continued improvement. Last year the Valley had three teams in the NCAA Regionals.

"The seniors and assistant coaches have told me we have a team that could be that good if all goes well. The league is extremely tough. If we do reach our goal of a top-three finish, we will have to win a lot of our mid-week games to get a bid. I hope our pitching is deep enough to accomplish this. From what I've seen of our guys so far, they work extremely hard, and I think they're focused and motivated. I really like the make-up of this team."



## 34 • Jeremy Bunkers

Sr. • 6-4 • 210

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

Remsen, Iowa

(Lassen Junior College)

**1999**—Pitched in 11 games, including 10 starts ...Had a 2-4 record, including a 9.07 ERA ...Threw a complete-game against Illinois State, pitching seven innings, striking out seven and giving up just one unearned run (4/18)

...Pitched five innings of three-run

ball in Panther debut, earning the victory vs. SE Missouri State (2/28) ...Earned his second victory in as many starts with 5.1 innings of work at Tennessee-Martin (3/6).

**Before UNI**—Transfer from Lassen Junior College in Susanville, California.

**High School**—Earned eight letters, four each in baseball and basketball from Remsen St. Mary's ...Earned all-state honors twice, and all-conference honors four times ...Graduated in 1995.

**Personal**—Full name is Jeremy Jon Bunkers ...Fitness Specialist (Individual Studies) major ...

Son of farmers Steve

and Judy Bunkers ...Favorite actress is Jennifer Love Hewitt ...Future plans are to be a fitness coach ...Favorite baseball player is Alberto Garza ...Hobbies include fishing and biking ...Goal for 2000 is to be a team player ...Feels the best part of being an athlete at UNI is the high expectations.

## 19 • Jason Eldridge

Sr. • 6-4 • 215

Outfielder

Bats L • Throws R

Downers Grove, Illinois

(Truman State)

**1999**—Hit .296 in 22 games, including 20 starts in right field and as designated hitter ...Had three multi-run games, seven multi-hit games and one multi-RBI contest ...Went 3-for-3 vs. Bradley, including first homer as a Panther (4/4) ...Excelled against Big 10 and

Big 12 foes, going 10-for-22 (.455) against those teams ...Had three hits against Minnesota (4/11), including a double ...Laced a pair of doubles in three at-bats at Creighton (5/9) ...Hit .343 with five doubles on the road.

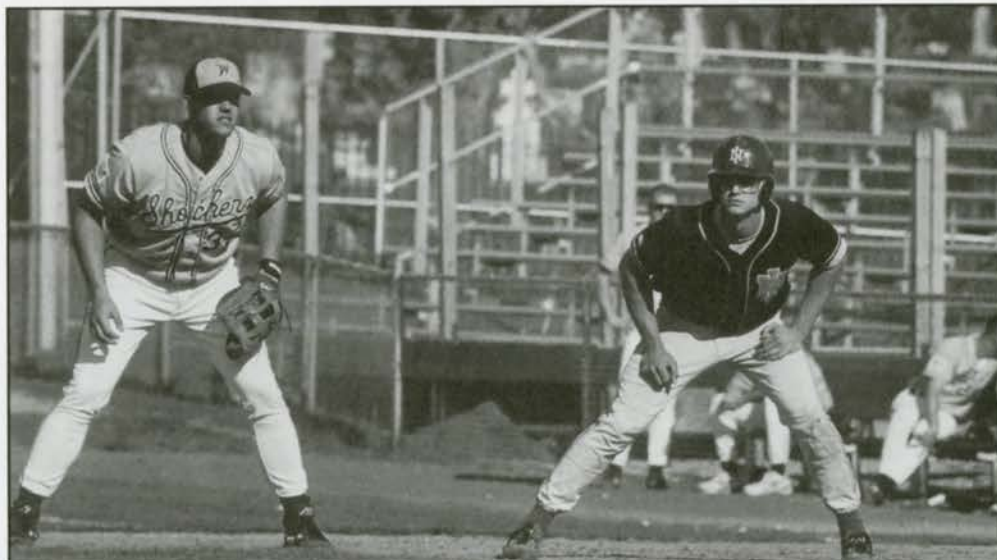
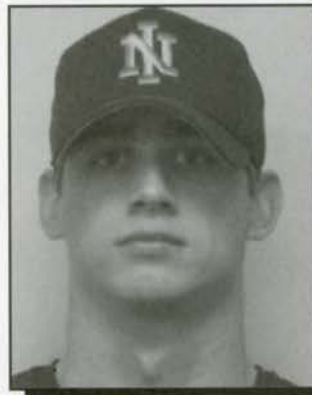
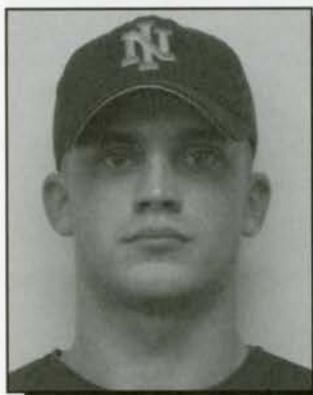
**Before UNI**—Transfer from Truman State University ...Hit .315 while starting 31 of 32 games in 1998 ...Hit three homers and had seven doubles on the year.

**High School**—A 1996 graduate of Benet Academy in Lisle, Ill. ...Named to Suburban Life all-area team.

**Personal**—Full name is Jason Bradford Eldridge ...Finance major ...

Son of Mark and Dana ...Has brothers Jim

(17) and Doug (14) and a sister Laura (9) ...Favorite movies are *Bull Durham* and *The Natural* ...Favorite baseball player, Bobby Higginson, plays for his favorite team, the Detroit Tigers ...Best advice he ever received is to work hard, play hard ...Admires his Dad ...Played for the Lombard (IL) Orioles the past two years ...Feels his baseball talent is comparable to Larry Walker ...Favorite books are *Men at Work* by George Will and *Gods and Generals* by Jeff Shaara ...Favorite actor is Kevin Costner ...Relative of William Bradford, the first governor of Massachusetts.



Jeremy Bunkers' Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999	2-4	9.07	11	10	0	45.2	79	55	46	18	26

Jason Eldridge's Career Statistics

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB-CS	SO
1999	22	.296	71	11	21	10	6	0	4	5	0-1	21



## 8 • Jon Kent

Jr. • 6-2 • 220

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

Center City, Minnesota

(North Hennepin Junior College)

**1999**—Had a 9.45 ERA in seven games ...His seven appearances covered a span of 6.2 innings ...Batters hit a team-low .240 against him ...Struggled with control, walking 11 while striking out six ...Also had two wild pitches and hit a batter ...Had a 0.00 ERA



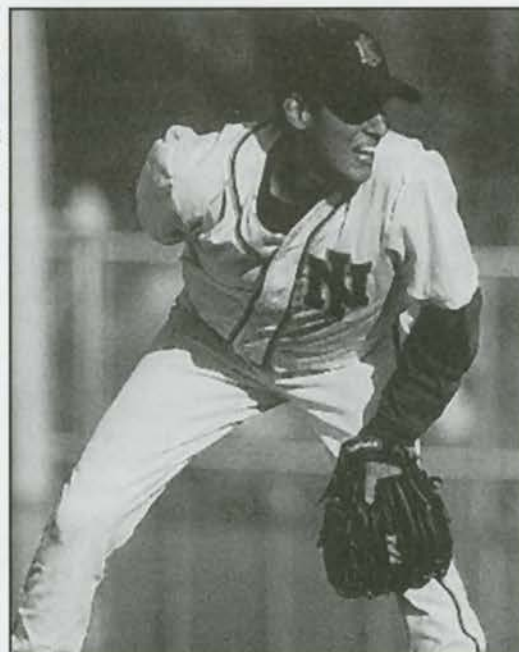
in MVC play ...Made impressive debut, striking out two batters in a scoreless inning vs. Northern State (2/24) ...Walked two and struck out one in an inning of work vs. SE Missouri State (2/28) ...Pitched 2.1 scoreless frames vs. Iowa (4/7) ...Struck out at least one batter in five of seven appearances.

**Before UNI**—Transfer from North Hennepin Junior College.

**High School**—Went undefeated on the mound as a junior and senior ...A 1995 graduate of Chisago Lakes Senior High.

**Personal**—Full name is Jonathan Bradley Kent ...General Studies/Engineering major ... Son of Brad and Karen Kent

...Siblings include Tracie (25) and Nathan (20) ...Favorite movie is *Face-Off* ...Favorite actor is Chris Farley ...Lists becoming a professional wrestler as his career goal ...Goals for the season are to help a talented team reach its lofty potential ...Admires honesty and hard work ...Played for the Rochester Honkers in the summer of 1998 ...Best advice he's ever received is "be careful, you could easily kill yourself doing that" ...Feels the best part of being an athlete at UNI is the chance to play at the highest level of college baseball.



Jon Kent's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999	0-0	9.45	7	0	0	6.2	6	9	9	11	6

## 33 • Aaron Lubach

Sr. • 6-3 • 195

Pitcher

Bats L • Throws R

Pella, Iowa

**1999**—Named to MVC All-Academic first team ...Appeared in 17 games and posted a 3-0 record, as well as a pair of saves ...Had a 5.15 ERA overall, but that dropped to 4.24 in MVC play ... Earned first victory vs. SE Missouri State with 2.1 innings of scoreless relief (2/28) ...Picked up



his third victory of the year with 4.1 innings of one-run ball vs. Creighton (5/9).

**1998**—Threw in six games, all in relief ...Struck out six in 9.2 innings ...Tossed a scoreless inning vs. Morningside College (4/21) ...Handled four chances in the field perfectly.

**1997**—Redshirted.

**1996**—Pitched in 15 games, starting two ...Earned victory in 8-7 win over St. Mary's (3/16) ...Struck out two and allowed two base on balls in two innings of work vs. Iowa State (4/16) ...Threw 4.1 scoreless innings against Indiana State, earning the win while allowing only one hit and whiffing three (3/24) ...Picked up the win at Illinois State, striking out two and allowing two hits in 3.2 innings pitched (4/13) ...Struck out four against Texas A&M.

**High School**—Earned varsity letters in baseball and basketball ...Played in Iowa coaches all-star series following his senior season ...Chosen first team all-state following junior and senior years ...A 1995 graduate of Pella Community High.

**Personal**—Accounting major ...Son of Bill Lubach and Rose Altena, step-son of Ruth Lubach ...Has two brothers, Joe (20) and Billy (15) and a sister, Mary (11) ...Favorite movie is *Tin Cup* ...Favorite actor is Val Kilmer ...Favorite team is the Kansas City Royals ...Favorite baseball player is Nolan Ryan ...Future goal is to graduate with an accounting degree and become a CPA ...Compares his baseball talent with veteran pitcher Tim Lincecum ...Hobbies include golfing, watching television, and playing Super Nintendo ...Goal for the season is to go to the MVC Tournament ...Likes to relax in his spare time ...Best advice he ever received is "attitude is the one thing in life you can control" ...Played for the Pella Eskimos in the Des Moines Area Baseball League last year ...Was on the search committee that hired Rick Heller.

Aaron Lubach's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	3-2	6.29	15	2	0	34.1	42	25	24	24	23
1998	0-1	9.31	6	0	0	9.2	14	18	10	10	6
1999	3-0	5.15	17	0	2	36.2	42	23	21	11	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>6.14</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>



## 16 • Scott Schirmer

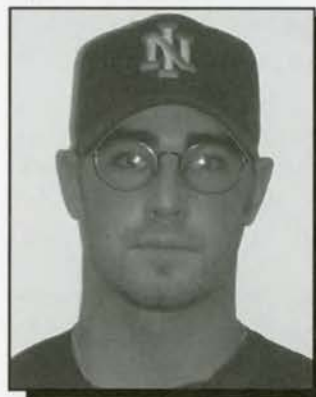
Sr. • 5-9 • 170

Outfielder

Bats R • Throws R

Riverside, Illinois

**1999**—Hit .324 with 16 doubles and 48 RBI on the year ...Had 20 multi-hit games, including a streak of five in a row (Apr. 14-18), when he hit 12-for-20 (.600) ...Had four consecutive games late in the year with a homer and three-plus RBI (May 9-May 15) ...Closed the year with a five-game hit streak to boost his average from .309 to .324.



**1998**—Played in 36 games, including 26 starts ...Opened the season with a five-game hitting streak and a .333 average ...Homered and walked three times in season-opener vs. Northwestern (2/19) ...Belted two singles and a double vs. Liberty (3/17) ...Drove in a season-high three RBI vs. Clarke College (4/2) ...Committed just one error in 52 chances in the field, good for a .981 fielding percentage.

**1997**—Named to MVC All-Conference Honorable Mention team as a freshman ...Went 2-for-4 with a home run and four RBI in 13-3 win over Southwest Missouri State (4/25) ...Was 2-for-2 with a run scored vs. Evansville (3/22) ...Recorded 77 putouts on the season ...Stole a team-high nine bases ...Was 2-for-4 with a home run and an RBI in 6-4 loss at Creighton (4/23) ...Started 50 of the Panthers 55 games ...Tied for team lead with two triples.

**High School**—Participated in the Chicago Catholic All-Star game ...Played in 1997 CABA World Series ...Earned two varsity letters in baseball ...Named all-conference ...Participated in Illinois state baseball tournament ...Graduated from Fenwick High in 1996.

**Personal**—Full name is Scott Peter Schirmer ...Biology/Chemistry major ... Son of Brian and Linda Schirmer ...Has a brother, Andrew (19) ...Favorite movie is *Scarface* ...Favorite actor is Robert DeNiro ...Favorite baseball player is Manny Ramirez ...Favorite professional sports team is the Detroit Tigers ...Best advice he ever received is "don't think" ...Best memories in sports is the 1997 MVC Tourney in Wichita and his first collegiate home run ...Played for the Waterloo Bucks last summer ...Admires his parents ...Chose UNI because of the opportunity to compete in a top-notch conference.



Scott Schirmer's Career Statistics

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB-CS	SO
1997	50	.275	149	29	41	18	7	2	4	16	9-5	45
1998	36	.202	84	19	17	10	7	0	2	15	4-2	24
1999	51	.324	182	49	59	48	16	3	6	23	6-4	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>.282</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>19-11</b>	<b>115</b>

## 10 • Jesse Zimmer

Sr. • 6-0 • 185

Shortstop/Second Base

Bats L • Throws R

Princeton, Minnesota

(Waldorf Junior College)

**1999**—Honorable-mention all-MVC pick as a shortstop while tying the school record with 16 homers ...Of his 16 homers, seven were solo shots, as well as five two-run dingers and four three-run long balls ...Also tied a UNI record with three doubles vs. Iowa



(4/7), when he went 4-for-6 with four RBI ...Led team with 16 multi-RBI games and also had 12 multi-run contests ...His 61 RBI was third-best in UNI history and included three game-winning RBI ...Had a robust .600 slugging percentage ...Tied for the team lead with six stolen bases ...Had 11 homers and 36 RBI in 25 road games ...Drove in five runs in first game at UNI (2/24) ...Hit an inside-the-park homer off the centerfield wall in the Metrodome in his second game (2/27), also vs. Northern State ...Started games at shortstop, third base, right field and designated hitter last year, and might play second base this spring.

**Before UNI**—Two-time all-region and All-American at Waldorf Junior College ...Named 1998 Waldorf Athlete of the Year.

**High School**—First team all-state ...Two time all-conference and all-area ...All-district 10 ...Lions All-Star ...Two-time all-conference in hockey.

**Personal**—Full name is Jesse John Zimmer ...Physical Education major ... Son of Jules and Jule ...Brother Jon (18)

...Favorite book is *Cobb* ...Favorite actors are Bruce Willis, Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan ...Favorite sports teams are the Minnesota Twins and Vikings ...Would like to be a physical education teacher and coach someday ...Best advice he's ever received is "you first have to crawl before you can walk, and walk before you can run" ...Most admires his parents ...Played for the Rochester Honkers in the Northwoods League for last summer, earning all-league honors while being named to *Baseball America's* Summer All-America Second Team last summer as an outfielder.



Jesse Zimmer's Career Statistics

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB-CS	SO
1999	52	.307	205	45	63	61	8	2	16	21	6-3	49



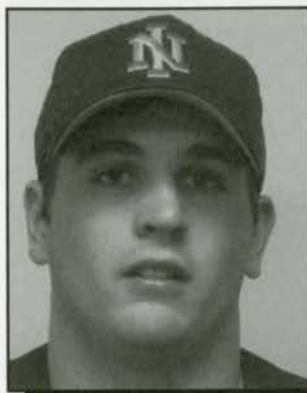
## 28 • Ryan Brunner

Jr. • 6-0 • 215

First Baseman

Bats L • Throws L

Charles City, Iowa



**1999**—Earned second national honor in as many years when he was named to *Successful Farming* magazine's All-Farm team as an honorable mention choice ...Also named to the MVC's All-Academic First Team ...Only Panther to play in every game, with 54 starts at first base ...Had six game-winning RBI ...Second on the team with

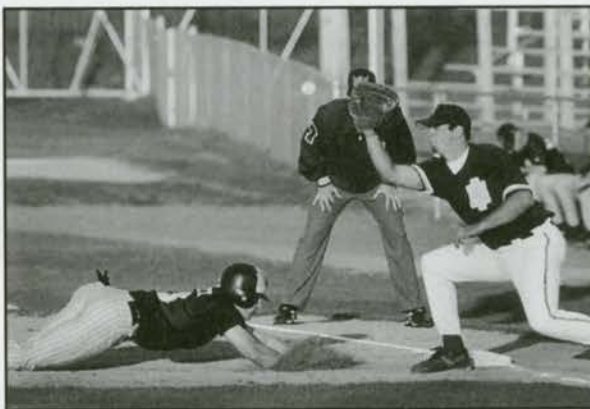
12 homers and 52 RBI ...Had a big day on May 9 at Creighton, slugging three homers and six RBI while going 4-for-8 in the double-header split ...In the first game, he hit a grand-slam in the sixth inning and a game-winning homer in the 10th ...Went 3-for-5 with two doubles and a homer vs. SE Missouri St. (2/27).

**1998**—MVC Freshman of the Year ...Named to *Louisville Slugger's* Freshman All-American Team, which is named by the staff of *Collegiate Baseball* ...Is the first Panther to be named to that team ...Honorable Mention All-MVC as a DH ...Played in 43 games, including 35 starts ...Finished third on the team with a .331 average, but led the squad with seven home runs and a .546 slugging percentage ...Crushed first home run vs. Duquesne (3/13/98) ...Swatted five dingers in four games (Apr. 8-12), all against MVC schools ...Feasted on Southwest Missouri State pitching, going 6-for-15 with four home runs, six RBI and three walks in the four-game series ...Had 10 different multi-RBI contests ...Solid .980 fielding percentage with just three errors in 149 chances ...Perfect in six stolen base attempts ...Was hitting .380 until ending the year in a 5-for-30 slump.

**High School**—Hit .490 as a senior in 1997 at Charles City High ...Slugged 21 home runs in junior and senior seasons ...Earned three varsity letters in baseball and two each in basketball and football ...Played in Iowa High School All-Star game ...Named second-team all-conference and all-district as a sophomore ...Chosen first team all-state, all-district and all-conference following both junior and senior years.

**Personal**—Full name is Ryan Robert Brunner ...Mathematics major ...

Son of Martha and Randy Brunner ...Favorite movie is *Major League* ...Favorite professional sports team is the Oakland Athletics ...Favorite baseball player is Mark McGwire ...Hobbies include hunting and fishing ...Best advice he ever received is "hard work pays off" ...Played for Sandusky (OH) last summer, but will play for the Waterloo Bucks this summer.



Ryan Brunner's Career Statistics

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BBSB-CS	SO	
1998	43	.331	130	25	43	29	7	0	7	12	6-0	27
1999	54	.330	218	35	72	52	19	1	12	15	3-1	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>.330</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9-1</b>	<b>64</b>

## 9 • Jason Chalupsky

Jr. • 6-3 • 195

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws L

Jordan, Minnesota



**1999**—Redshirted after undergoing shoulder surgery in the off-season.

**1998**—Made 11 appearances on the mound, including three starts ...Yielded just one home run in 26.1 innings of work ...Picked up first win vs. Evansville, scattering six hits and a run over six innings in 6-1 victory (4/25) ...In his first five appearances lasting 2.0 innings or

less he did not allow an earned run ...Had a 3.92 ERA before final two outings (5.2 IP, 9 ER) vs. Wayne State (5/2) and Wichita State (5/9).

**1997**—Allowed six hits in 6.2 innings of work, striking out eight ...Opposing batters hit .250 against him ...Made starts against Tennessee-Martin (3/19) and St. Ambrose (5/1) ...Pitched two innings against Troy State, striking out three and allowing one earned run ...Worked one inning against Upper Iowa (4/8), allowing one earned run, one hit, one walk and striking out one.

**High School**—Earned four letters in baseball and three in basketball ...Was selected all-conference following junior and senior campaigns ...Named team MVP as a senior ...Earned all-conference honors in basketball two seasons ...A 1996 graduate of Jordan High.

**Personal**—General Studies/Coaching/Computer Science major ...

Son of Sharon Chalupsky ...Has a sister, Jessica (24) ...Favorite movie, *Tommy Boy*, stars his favorite actor, Chris Farley ...Favorite baseball player, Tom Glavine, pitches for one of his favorite teams, the Atlanta Braves ...Future goal is to work with computers at some corporation ...Hobbies include playing Nintendo and playing sports ...Goal for this season is to make it to the MVC Tournament and then go on to Regionals ...Best advice he ever received was his mother telling him to "believe in yourself and go in with confidence" ...Chose UNI to get an education, play ball and because it has a great campus ...Most admires his mother ...Best sports memory is his first victory here against Evansville ...Plans to play for the Jordan Brewers in the summer.

Jason Chalupsky's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1997	0-1	14.85	6	2	0	6.2	6	13	11	15	8
1998	2-1	6.15	11	3	1	26.1	33	20	18	13	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>7.91</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>



## 20 • Matt Cobb

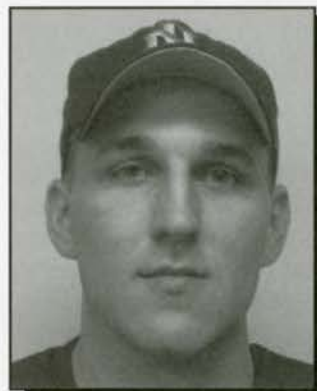
Jr. • 5-11 • 185

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

Wichita, Kansas

**1999**—Had one of the greatest seasons in school history, setting records for saves (10) and appearances (22) ...Unanimous All-Academic MVC First Team selection, and also voted to GTE/CoSIDA All-Academic District VII team ...Second-team all-Midwest Region choice and first-team all-MVC



choice as a relief pitcher ...Tied an NCAA record by hitting four Iowa State batters in an inning (4/11) ...Named MVC Pitcher of the Week (3/1) after opening year with two saves in 3.2 scoreless innings of work ...Got first win vs. Bradley after striking out 11 in six scoreless innings of relief ...Moved into starting rotation a short time later, but continued his role as the closer ...Pitched 10.1 innings in his second start vs. Illinois St., allowing just two earned runs ...Beat seventh-ranked Wichita State 8-3 in complete game victory over the Shockers ...His 10 saves were a UNI single-season record and tied the career mark.

**1998**—Redshirted while battling leukemia.

**1997**—Pitched in three games, all out of the bullpen ...Recorded a 4.05 ERA, second-best on the squad ... Struck out five in 6.2 innings ...Flawless in three chances in the field.

**1996**—Pitched in 13 games, with nine starts ...Ranked second on the squad with four victories ...Tallied complete-game victory allowing only one earned run and five hits against Dartmouth ...Notched a victory in UNI's 5-3 win over Illinois State, allowing just two earned runs in seven innings.

**High School**—Earned varsity letters in baseball and football ...First team all-city selection in baseball following junior and senior seasons ...Honorable mention all-city as a sophomore ...Honorable mention all-city quarterback during sophomore and junior seasons ...Most valuable player on 1994 football team ...A 1995 graduate of Wichita North High.

**Personal**—Full name is Matt Lee Cobb ...Biology major, Chemistry minor ...Son of Frank and Jeannine Cobb...Has brothers Barry (28) and Brian (25) ...Hobbies include playing golf ...Will attend medical school at Kansas next year ...Was married to wife, Tricia, in December of 1998 ...The couple is expecting a child in April.

### Matt Cobb's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	4-3	7.32	13	9	0	51.2	75	51	42	34	22
1997	0-0	4.05	3	0	0	6.2	12	3	3	1	5
1999	3-5	3.99	22	5	10	58.2	64	40	26	25	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>117.0</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>79</b>

## 21 • Tom Martin

Jr. • 6-0 • 190

Pitcher/Utility

Bats R • Throws R

Dyersville, Iowa

**1999**—Went 1-1 with a 7.24 ERA in seven games, including six starts ...Missed the second-half of the season with arm trouble ...Had superb strikeout:walk ratio at 27:8 ...Threw 7.2 innings without surrendering an earned run vs. St. Joseph's, striking out four (3/12) ...Followed that up with three



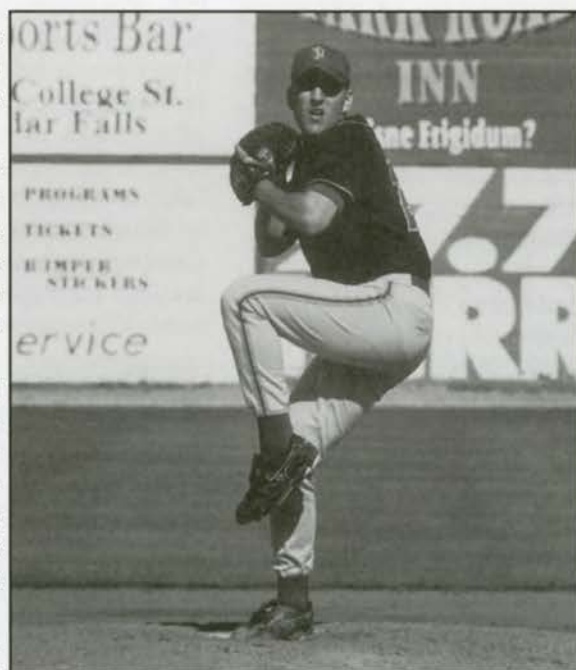
scoreless innings vs. Wartburg (3/24) ...Defeated Bradley in only MVC showing, throwing 7.1 innings of four-run ball while striking out nine batters (4/4) ...Had the distinction of hitting more batters (9) than he did walk (8) ...Walked in his only appearance at the plate.

**1998**—Appeared in nine games, including three starts in the field ...First collegiate hit was a home run vs. Clarke (4/2) that drove in a pair ...Handled six chances in the field without an error.

**High School**—Lettered four years in baseball, three in track, two in football and two in basketball ...Member of 1996 state runners-up team ...Named first team all-state in baseball and football.

**Personal**—Finance major ...Full name is Thomas Joseph Martin ...

Son of Fred and Ellen Martin ... Brothers Bill (19) and Dan (17) ...In his spare time he plays PlayStation ...Goal for the season is to make it to the Regional.



### Tom Martin's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999	1-1	7.24	7	6	0	32.1	42	30	26	8	27

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB-CS	SO
1998	9	.133	15	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	0-0	3
1999	8	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>.133</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3</b>



## 29 • Mike Egger

So. • 5-11 • 184

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

Webster City, Iowa

**1999**—Led the pitching staff with a 1.66 ERA in 21.2 innings of work over 19 appearances ...Had a 3-2 record and a save as batters hit just .250 against him ...Did not allow an earned run over his first eight appearances covering 8.2 innings ...Did not allow a homer to any of the 102 batters he faced



...Shared closer role with Aaron Lubach when Matt Cobb was moved into the starting rotation ...Allowed just 40 percent (10-of-25) of inherited runners to score ...Earned his save with 1.2 innings of scoreless relief vs. Bradley, striking out a pair (4/4).

**1998**—Pitched one inning vs. Tennessee-Martin (2/28) in his only outing of the year ...Struck out one, and allowed a hit and a run ...Received a medical redshirt after suffering from arm trouble.

**High School**—Three-year letterwinner in baseball ...All-district and all-conference pick in both football and baseball ...A 1997 graduate of Webster City Community High.

**Personal**—General Studies major ... Son of Dennis and Carol Egger ...Brother, Matt (21) and sister Melissa (18) ...Favorite movie is *Varsity Blues* ...Favorite professional sports team is the St. Louis Cardinals ...Goal for the 2000 season is to win the Valley.

## 4 • Josh Habel

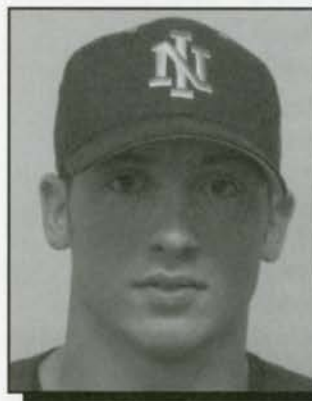
So. • 6-0 • 180

Pitcher

Bats L • Throws L

Dubuque, Iowa

**1999**—Went 2-2 with an ERA of 9.00 in 20 innings of work ...Picked up first win at UNI with two innings of relief vs. Long Island-Brooklyn (3/12) ...Notched his second victory with a perfect inning vs. Iowa (4/28) ...Pitched into the seventh inning in first start at Minnesota (4/14), as he held the

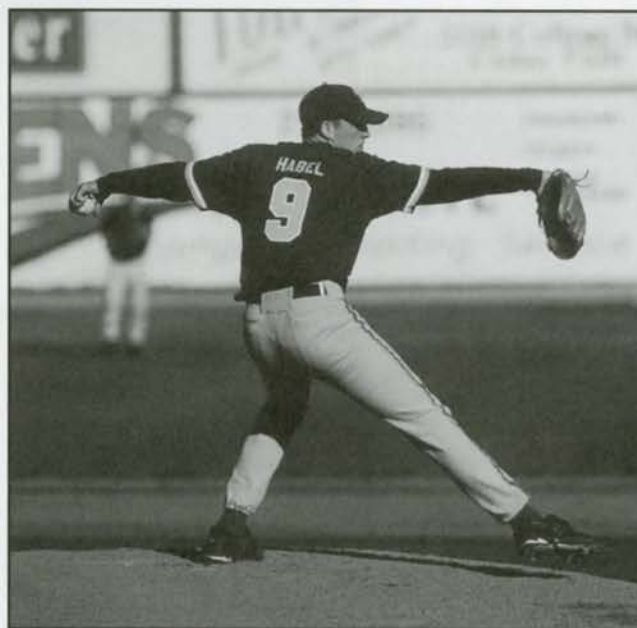


Golden Gophers scoreless the first four innings and gave up just four runs overall ...Struck out four in 2.1 innings of scoreless relief vs. seventh-ranked Wichita State (4/30) ...Also struck out four batters in three innings vs. Bradley (4/3) ...Was only healthy lefty on the staff.

**High School**—First team all-conference and all-district at Dubuque Hempstead ...Played on the East squad in the Big School All-Star game ...Graduated in 1998.

**Personal**—Full name is Josh James Habel ...Biology (Pre-dentistry) major ...

Son of Dawne O'Meara and Tony Habel ...Has a sister, Monica (16) and a brother, Stephen (7) ...Favorite movie is *Casino* ...Favorite actress/actor is Kobe Tai and James Rosewood ...Favorite baseball player, Nomar Garciaparra, while his favorite team is the St. Louis Cardinals ...Goal is to help the team out as much as possible this season ...Most admires his parents ...Best sports memory is throwing a no-hitter in high school ...Enjoys biking ...Played for the Lombard (IL) Orioles last summer and will play for the Waterloo Bucks this summer.



Mike Egger's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1998	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	1.0	1	2	1	1	1
1999	3-2	1.66	19	0	1	21.2	21	10	4	12	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

Josh Habel's Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999	2-2	9.00	8	2	0	20.0	26	21	20	13	16



### 30 • Scott Miller

So. • 6-2 • 200

Pitcher/Outfielder

Bats R • Throws R

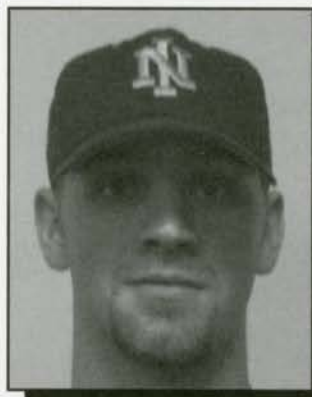
Dubuque, Iowa

**1999**—Pitched in six games, all in relief, covering 10.2 innings ...Finished with a 7.59 ERA ...In his first five games, he allowed just one run in eight innings, for a team-best ERA of 1.13 ...Saw ERA balloon after getting rocked for eight runs in 2.2 innings in final appearance vs. Creighton (5/8)

...Had tremendous outing vs. Minnesota, throwing four innings of one-run ball against the Golden Gophers (4/6) ...In his debut on the mound, struck out two batters in one inning of work vs. Fordham ...Also batted twice, going 1-for-2 vs. the Rams (3/13) ...Collected his hit vs. SE Missouri State (2/28).

**High School**—Named first team all-state, all-conference and all-area ...Was a member of the 1997 baseball state tournament team ...Received the Lanny Petersen Award ...A 1997 graduate of Dubuque Wahlert.

**Personal**—Full name is Scott Donald Miller ...Accounting major ...Son of Don Miller and the late Elaine Miller ...Siblings include Stacie (32), Todd (30), Kristin (29), Sara (27), Katie (23), Trish (17), Tess (15) and Tim (12) ...Favorite movie is *The Natural* ...Best memory in sports was his collegiate debut last year ...Favorite actress is Alicia Silverstone ...Favorite baseball player, Mark McGwire, plays for his favorite team, the St. Louis Cardinals ...Compares his baseball talent to Roger Clemens ...Hobbies include playing basketball, golf and video games ...Most admires his Mom and Dad ...Played for the Dyersville Whitehawks last summer for the second straight year.



### 32 • Nic Ungs

So. • 6-1 • 200

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

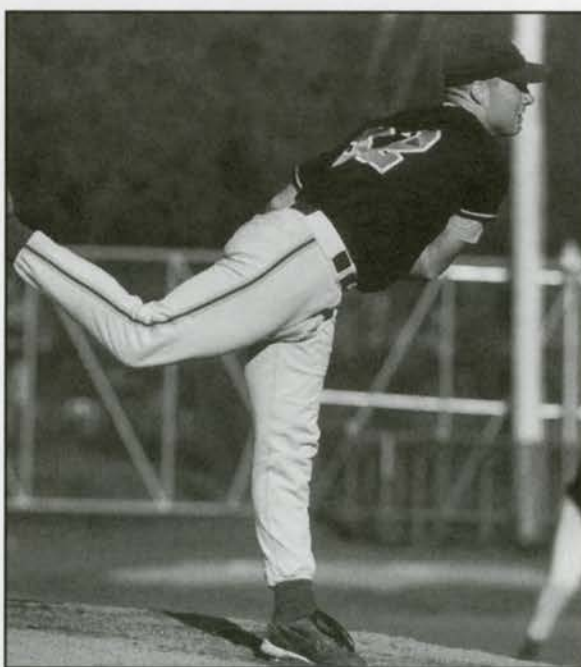
Dyersville, Iowa

**1999**—Had a tremendous freshman season, tying for the team lead in wins with a 4-1 record ...Had a 6.75 ERA overall, but just 5.60 in league play ...Was 3-1 in MVC play, as batters hit just .281 against him ...Made 11 appearances overall, including nine starts, as he pitched 57.1 innings ...Won collegiate debut vs. Northern State (2/24), striking out five while giving up one run in four innings ...Pitched 7.2 innings of two-run ball vs. Bradley (4/3) ...Defeated Illinois State with 7.1 innings of three-run ball, including a career-best nine strikeouts (4/17) ...Also defeated SW Missouri State with a seven-inning outing (4/24) ...Won final start of the year vs. Indiana State (5/15).

**High School**—All-state, all-conference, all-elite and all-district at Dyersville Beckman High, where he graduated in 1998.

**Personal**—Full name is Nicholas John Ungs ...Education/Coaching major ...Son of Donnie and Jane ...Brother Matt (16) ...Favorite movie is *The Sixth Sense* ...Favorite actor is Will Smith ...Compares his baseball talent to his favorite player, Greg Maddux ...Favorite team is the New York Mets ...Best advice he

ever received is "play for the name on the front, and not the one on your back" ...Feels the best aspect of being an athlete at UNI is that it is a family away from home ...Chose UNI because it is the best Division I baseball school in Iowa and it is a good baseball school and conference ...Played for the Northwoods League champion Rochester Honkers last year, earning first-team all-league honors and winning the championship game ...Will play for the Waterloo Bucks this summer.



Scott Miller's Career Statistics

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB-CS	SO
1999	8	.500	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999	0-0	7.59	6	0	0	10.2	15	9	9	8	6

Nic Ungs' Career Statistics

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999	4-1	6.75	11	9	0	57.1	72	45	43	33	46



## 6 • Brady Weber

So. • 5-9 • 175

Catcher

Bats L • Throws R

Urbandale, Iowa

**1999**—Hit .260 in 24 games, including 11 starts as designated hitter ...Also saw time in right field during the season ...Was UNI's top left-handed bat off the bench last year, as he led the team with 11 pinch-hit appearances ...Went 3-for-11 in such situations for

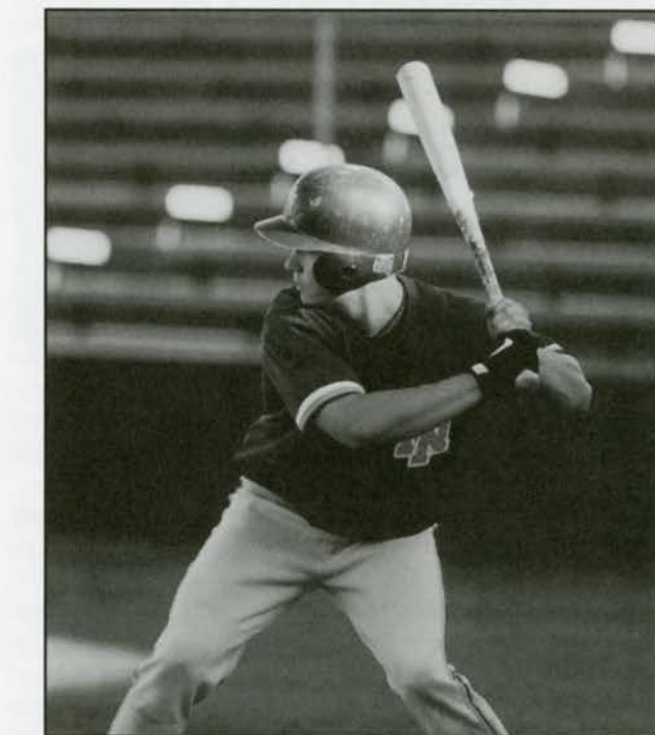
a solid .273 average ...Hit .344 (11-for-32) on the road and .250 in neutral parks (2-for-8) but .000 (0-for-10) at home ...Went 2-for-4 with two runs and a double against Iowa State (4/11) ...Also went 2-for-3 with a double against Southern Illinois (3/27).

**1998**—Redshirted at Northern Iowa.

**High School**—1996 first team all-state, all-conference and all-district selection as a junior ...Was first team elite all-state and all-district choice in 1997 as a senior at Urbandale High.

**Personal**—Full name is Brady Dean Weber ...Social Science major ...

Son of Blake and Dianne Weber ...Has a brother, Brian (19) ...Favorite book is *Bo Knows Bo*, by Bo Jackson ...Favorite baseball player is Larry Walker ...Favorite professional sports teams is the Chicago Cubs ...Hobbies are fishing and watching sporting events ...Best advice he's ever received is "hard work is the key to success" ...Played for the Mankato Mashers in the Northwoods League last summer ...Favorite movie is *The Natural*.



Brady Weber's Career Statistics

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB-CS	SO
1999	24	.260	50	7	13	4	0	0	4	6	0-0	10

## 2 • Travis Welsch

So. • 5-11 • 175

Second Baseman/Shortstop

Bats R • Throws R

Muscatine, Iowa

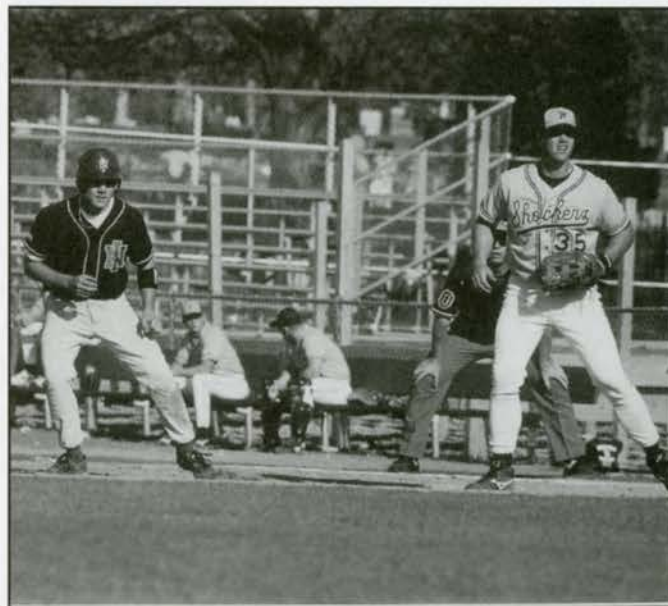
**1999**—Had an impressive freshman season, hitting .336 in 38 games, including 36 starts after supplanting Aaron Houdeshell in the infield ...Started 26 MVC games, hitting .315 in league play ...Led off Iowa game with first collegiate home run, going 3-for-7 on the

afternoon (4/7) ...Had an 11-game hitting streak, going 14-42 (.333) during that stretch (Apr. 18-May 8) ...Went 4-for-8 in season-ending series vs. Indiana State ...Went 2-for-4 with two steals vs. Bradley (4/3) ...Started year at shortstop, but also played a lot at second base.

**High School**—First team all-conference, all-district, all-state and super team all-state in football and baseball ...A 1998 graduate of Muscatine High.

**Personal**—Full name is Travis Carr Welsch ...Business Management/Computer Science major ...

Son of Clayton and Corrine Welsch ...Has brothers Brandon (21) and Dustin (14) ...Favorite book is Ryne Sandberg's biography, *Second to Home* ...Favorite movie is *Tommy Boy* ...Favorite actor is Chris Farley and favorite actress is Sarah Michelle Gellar ...Favorite baseball players are Ryne Sandberg and Tony Gwynn ...The Chicago Cubs are his favorite professional sports team ...Compares his baseball talent to Chuck Knoblauch and Omar Vizquel ...Best advice he ever received is "all the ability you have comes from God" ...Best sports memory is making it to state in baseball and football as a senior at Muscatine High ...Hobbies include sleeping, lifting weights and watching TV ...Career goal is to get an easy job that pays well ...Played for Muscatine Red Sox last summer.



Travis Welsch's Career Statistics

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB-CS	SO
1999	38	.336	134	31	45	20	4	0	4	13	4-2	29



## 27 • Brandt Bacus

Fr. • 6-2 • 250

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

Lincoln, Nebraska

**High School**—Earned two letters each in football and baseball at Lincoln Southeast High ...In football, he was a 1997 all-city, all-conference, second team Super State and honorable-mention all-state choice for 1997 and 1998 state champs ...Was 1998 all-city,

all-conference, all-state, first team Super State and Chuck Potter Lineman Award winner ...Played for 1997 Legion Baseball state champs, where he had a 13-0 pitching record and was an all-state tournament team selection ...Was all-state when he hit .371 with a 7-4 record as a senior, and second-team all-state after hitting .393 with a 9-3 record as a junior.

**Personal**—Son of Chuck and Sheree Bacus ...Has a brother, Judd (14) ...Hobbies including hunting, fishing and camping ...Enjoys the challenge and success from competing in sports ...Also plays football at UNI as a defensive lineman.

## 3 • Brock Beekman

Fr. • 6-1 • 170

Outfielder

Bats L • Throws R

Sioux City, Iowa

At UNI—Redshirted in 1999.

**High School**—Three-year starter at Sioux City East High ...Played in two state championship games ...Hit .319 with team-best 42 RBI, eight homers, and school-record 30 stolen bases ...Was named all-district three

times, and all-state honorable mention as a junior ...Three-time participant in the state track meet ...Earned four track letters and two football letters.

**Personal**—Full name is Brock Jayson Beekmann ...Major in Management Information Systems ...Has a brother, Blake (16) ...Son of Barry and Kris ...Favorite movie is *Dumb and Dumber* ...Favorite actor is Bill Murray ...Favorite sports team is Houston Astros ...Favorite baseball player is Shawn Green ...Hobbies include outdoors and sports ...Best advice is "nothing worthwhile comes easily" ...Chose UNI because of the conference and the size of the school ...Admires his Dad ...Played for the Sioux City Saints last summer.

## 38 • Adam Boeve

Fr. • 6-2 • 200

Catcher

Bats R • Throws R

Doon, Iowa

**High School**—Earned four letters each in track and baseball and track and three letters each in football and basketball at Central Lyon High ...Started 34 straight games

at safety and was 19-0 in district play as starting quarterback ...All-state and all-elite safety, and all-district quarterback, while leading team to three playoff appearances ...Was team captain on two occasions ...Finished career with 1,895 yards rushing and with 10 interceptions ...Ran for 781 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior, with a 13.9 yard punt return average and 77 tackles to go with six interceptions as a senior ...Two-time all-state elite baseball catcher, three-time all-district and four-time all-conference ...Hit .515 as a senior ...Qualified for state track meet three times, and holds Central Lyon record in the 100 (10.66) ...Also all-conference in basketball.

**Personal**—Undecided major ...Son of Larry and Sherri Boeve ...Has brother Justin (21) and sister Kate (16) ...Hobbies include hunting, golfing and water skiing ...Loves the competition and excitement that goes along with the games ...Also plays on the UNI football team, where he recorded eight tackles in 1999.

## 24 • Derrick Frost

Fr. • 6-3 • 205

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

St. Louis, Missouri

**High School**—Earned four letters baseball and three in football at Clayton High ...All-Conference at quarterback, linebacker, punter and kicker while being named Conference Football Player of the Year ...Was also an all-district and all-Metro choice as

punter and kicker and all-state as a kicker ...Averaged 41.7 yards per punt, made 91-of-95 extra points, and 15 field goals as a prep.

**Personal**—Computer Science major ...Is inspired by Barry Sanders ...Gets satisfaction and confidence in himself from competing in sports ...Enjoys hunting, golf and chess ...Also a member of the UNI football team ...Had seven punts for a 26.9 average last fall at UNI.

## 39 • Shawn Gardner

Jr. • 6-4 • 180

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

Urbandale, Iowa

**Before UNI**—Was at Des Moines Area Community College.

**High School**—Won a bronze medal (16 & under) in the Junior Olympics ...A 1996 graduate of Urbandale High School.

**Personal**—Public Relations/Spanish major ...Son of Tim Gardner and Janie Phillips ...Siblings include Jeff (19) and T.J. (23) ...Favorite movie, *In The Line of Fire*, stars his favorite actor, John Malkovich ...Favorite book is *Where the Red Fern Grows* ...Favorite pro team is the Chicago Cubs ...Favorite baseball player is Greg Maddux ...Hobbies include music and basketball ...Chose UNI because he liked the size of the campus ...Best sports memory is pitching his AAU team to a first round victory at 10 & under Nationals in Salt Lake City ...Played with the Des Moines Shockers last summer.



## 11 • Drew Kelly

Fr. • 5-10 • 170

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

Charles City, Iowa

**High School**—Three-time all-conference, all-district and all-state pitcher ...Also played shortstop ...An All-American wrestler, was the nation's top recruit at 160 pounds as a senior and top-ranked recruit in the state ...Compiled a 133-10 career wrestling record,

but lost just once in his final three seasons ...Won state titles at 152 as a sophomore and junior and 160 as a senior ...Competed at the Iowa High School All-Star Meet.

**Personal**—Full name is Drew Daniel Kelly ... Son of Shawn and Carol Kelly ...Has sisters Katie (16) and Molly (13) ...Business major ...Favorite movie is *Varsity Blues* ...Favorite actress is Minnie Driver ...Favorite baseball player, Greg Maddux, plays for his favorite team, the Atlanta Braves ...Feels his talent is comparable to John Smoltz ...Hobbies include lifting, listening to music, fishing and hunting ...Chose UNI because of its great campus and competitive sports teams ...Most admires his dad ...Best sports memory is winning the state wrestling title as a sophomore ...Goal for the season is to pitch successfully for the Panthers ...From the same high school as teammate Ryan Brunner ...Also a member of the Panthers' wrestling program.



## 26 • Sean LaCoste

Fr. • 6-3 • 215

Outfielder

Bats R • Throws R

Waterloo, Iowa

**High School**—Three-sport standout at Waterloo West High School ...Three-year captain and all-Big Four selection by the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* ...Hit .411 with five homers and 39 RBI as a junior ...All-state as a senior, when he hit .504 with 11

homers ...Three-time team MVP in baseball ...Two-time all-conference honorable mention in basketball ...Set 12 school and six conference passing records as the Wahawks starting quarterback ...Second-team all-state quarterback and started the Shrine Bowl ...Two-time all-conference quarterback and three-year starter ...Four-year honor roll and National Honor Society member ...Two-time Student of the Month ...Member of Waterloo West Wall of Fame for football and baseball.

**Personal**—Full name is Sean Michael LaCoste ... Son of Mike and Peggy LaCoste ...Committed to Minnesota-Duluth in high school, only to change his mind and begin football practice at Iowa State ...Changed mind again and enrolled at UNI to play baseball ...Has a brother, Shane (18) ...Plans to play for the Waterloo Wizards this summer.



## 25 • Brian Kobliska

Fr. • 6-3 • 255

Outfielder

Bats R • Throws R

Raymond, Iowa

At UNI—Redshirted in 1999.

**High School**—All-state selection at East Waterloo High School as a senior first baseman ...Led the Trojans to their first state tournament in 23 years as a senior, hitting .500 with 10 homers and 55 RBI as a senior

...Three-time all-Big Four selection by the *Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier*.

**Personal**—Full name is Brian John Kobliska ...Business major ...

Son of Leonard and Dorothy Kobliska ...Siblings include Melissa Beaty (22), Tracey Kobliska (17) and Chris Kobliska (16) ...Favorite book is *The Client* ...Favorite movie is *American Pie* ...Favorite actor is Eddie Murphy ...Favorite team, Chicago Cubs, features his favorite baseball player, Mark Grace ...Compares his baseball talent to Dante Bichette ...Hobbies include golf, hunting, fishing and watching television ...Goal for the season is to help the team get to the next level ...Feels best part of being an athlete at UNI is that he gets to play baseball with some great players ...Chose UNI to stay close to home ...Best sports memory is playing in the state tournament in Marshalltown ...Played for the Waterloo Wizards last summer.



## 18 • Aaron McEachran

Fr. • 5-11 • 185

Catcher/Infielder

Bats L • Throws R

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

At UNI—Hit .500 in five games before breaking the navicular bone in his left wrist and missing the remainder of the season ...Received a medical redshirt.

**High School**—Four-time all-conference selection ...Was honorable mention all-metro and all-state once ...Holds the school record for doubles.

**Personal**—Full name is Aaron Daniel McEachran ...Studio Arts major ...

Son of Dan McEachran and Gail Bradley ...His dad played baseball at the University of Minnesota with Paul Molitor ...Favorite movies are *Bull Durham* and *Fast Times at Ridgmont High* ...Favorite actor is Sean Penn ...Hobbies are fishing and drawing ...Goal for the season is to play to the best of his ability and pick up as much knowledge as he can ...Best advice he ever received is "the harder you work, the luckier you get" ...Chose UNI because of the coaches, players and atmosphere ...Played for the Mankato Mashers in the Northwoods League last summer, hitting .256 with 12 doubles and 27 RBI in 59 games.



### Aaron McEachran's Career Statistics

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SB-CS	S O
1999	5	.500	10	2	5	2	0	0	0	1	0-0	0



## 36 • B.J. Meaney



Fr. • 6-4 • 245

First Baseman

Bats L • Throws R

Waterloo, Iowa

**High School**—1999 first team all-state INA and Coaches selection after hitting .413 for Waterloo Columbus ...Hit three game-winning home runs ...Was a member of the National Honor Society ...Also played football and basketball ...Played baseball for

head coach Bryan Redemske as a senior ...His assistant coach at Columbus is current UNI assistant coach Mike Waller.

**Personal**—Full name is Brian James Meaney ...History major ...Born 2/25/81 ...Son of Mike and Kay Meaney ...Sister, Trisha (14) ...Favorite book is *Cobb* ...Favorite movie is *The Rock* ...Favorite actor is Bruce Willis ...Feels his talent is comparable to Cecil Fielder ...Career goal is to become a history teacher and coach high school kids ...Likes to collect baseball cards ...Chose UNI because it was a close Division I school ...Most admires his dad.

## 37 • Matt Numedahl



Fr. • 5-11 • 177

Pitcher

Bats L • Throws L

Urbandale, Iowa

**High School**—Was second-team all-conference and second team all-district as a senior at Urbandale High School in 1999.

**Personal**—Accounting major ...

Son of Craig and Joyce Numedahl ...Has a brother, Marc (14) ...Favorite book is *Fab*

*Five* ...Favorite movie is *A Few Good Men* ...Favorite actor is Chris Tucker ...Favorite professional team is the Chicago Cubs, which features his favorite player, Mark Grace ...Compares his talent to Terry Mulholland ...Career goal is to become an accountant ...Hobbies are watching sports, playing golf and reading ...Goal for the season is to improve his pitching ...Chose UNI because of the campus and academics ...Best sports memory is playing in the All-Star Regional Final in 1996.

## 1 • Jared Rahe

So. • 5-8 • 170

Infielder

Bats R • Throws R

Bancroft, Iowa

(Iowa Central)

**Before UNI**—Spent last year at Iowa Central Community College.

**High School**—A 1997 graduate of North Kossuth High School ...First-team all-conference, all-district and all-state in high

school ...Also a member of the all-area team.

**Personal**—Elementary Education/Coaching major ...Son of Steve and Vickie Rahe ...Siblings Jamie (19) and Jacob (17) ...

Favorite movie is *Bull Durham* ...Favorite actors are Bruce Willis and Jennifer Aniston ...Favorite baseball player is Craig Biggio ...Hobbies include hunting, basketball and hanging out with friends ...Goal for the season is to earn a letter ...Admires his parents ...Feels best aspect of being a UNI athlete is being around the team ...Favorite professional sports team is the Cleveland Indians ...Future goal is teach elementary school and coach baseball.

## 13 • Terry Reiners

So. • 6-2 • 189

Outfielder

Bats R • Throws R

Ft. Dodge, Iowa

**At UNI**—Attended, but did not play at UNI last year due to injury.

**High School**—A 1997 second-team all-state utility selection at Fort Dodge ...Also named to all-conference team in 1997 ...Was also a state long jump champion in high school.

**Personal**—Education major, Coaching minor ... Son of Gary and Venita Reiners ...Brother of former Iowa quarterback Randy Reiners (23) and sister is Amy Thilges (28) ...Favorite book is *Bo Knows Bo* ...Favorite movie is *Revenge of the Nerds* ...Favorite actor is Jim Carrey ...Compares his talent to Kenny Lofton ...Hobbies include hunting, fishing, studying and playing with his nieces and nephews ...Goal for the season is to win a conference title ...Chose UNI because of the great academic programs.

## 12 • Brock Sabers

Fr. • 6-1 • 185

Pitcher

Bats R • Throws R

Jesup, Iowa

**High School**—Two-time second-team all-state selection at Jesup High ...All-North Iowa Cedar League MVP as a senior ...Also first-team all-conference in football and basketball ...Led the J-Hawks to the state tournament in baseball and basketball ...Five-year letterwinner in baseball ...Carried a 3.5 GPA as well.



**Personal**—Full name is Brock Anthony Sabers ...Undecided major ...Son of Dave and Kathy Sabers ...Brother Luke (23) played baseball at UNI the last three years and is now a student assistant coach with the women's basketball team ...Also has a brother, Greg (15) and sister, Laurie (18) ...Favorite book is *The Natural* and favorite movie is *Major League* ...Favorite player, Kerry Wood, pitches for his favorite team, the Chicago Cubs ...Favorite actor is Tommy Lee Jones ...Hobbies include playing Nintendo ...Goal is to help the team win the Valley ...Chose UNI because of its good baseball program ...Most admires his Dad ...Best sports memory is playing at state in both baseball and basketball.





## 7 • Tim Saehler



Fr. • 6-0 • 165

Pitcher

Bats L • Throws L

Iowa City, Iowa

At UNI—Redshirted the 1999 season.

**High School**—Named all-area, all-conference, all-district and all-state ...A 1998 graduate of Iowa City High.

**Personal**—Full name is Timothy Edward Saehler ...Business major ...Son of Ed and

Kathy Saehler, both teachers ...Siblings Shannon (17) and Jenny (10) ...Favorite movie is *The Shining* ...Favorite actor is Bill Murray ...Favorite baseball player is Mo Vaughn, and his favorite team is the Chicago Cubs ...Compares his baseball talent to Tom Glavine ...Goal for the 2000 season is to contribute as much to the pitching staff as possible ...Best advice he ever received is "keep it simple and live life one day at a time" ...Best sports memory is playing in the state baseball tournament during high school ...Chose UNI because of the chance to play college baseball at its highest level ...Plans to play for the Iowa City Swing again this summer.

## 15 • Greg Torgerson



Fr. • 6-1 • 205

Outfielder/First Baseman

Bats L • Throws L

Independence, Iowa

At UNI—Redshirted in 1999.

**High School**—1998 graduate of Independence High ...1998 Iowa American Legion Baseball Player of the Year ...Two-time all-state, three-time all-district, four-time all-conference choice ...Owns school records

for doubles and RBI.

**Personal**—Full name is Greg Raymond Torgerson ...Business major ...

Son of Larry and Margie Torgerson ...Has a brother, Mark (24) ...Favorite actor is Hulk Hogan ...Favorite baseball player, Mike Piazza, plays for his favorite sports team, the New York Mets ...Cousin of ex-Panther player Brian Kegler ...Chose UNI because it's a great business school along with having an excellent baseball program ...Favorite rock band is KISS ...Goals for this year are to work hard on and off the field to be successful athletically and academically ...Hobbies include lifting weights, playing video games and listening to music.

## 17 • Ben Schroeder



Fr. • 6-0 • 175

Outfielder

Bats L • Throws R

Davenport, Iowa

**High School**—Three-time all-conference, two-time all-district and first team all-state ...Also an Elite all-State Iowa team member ...Hit .439 in 147 career high school games with 96 stolen bases, 203 runs and 206 hits ...Played first two seasons at Waterloo Co-

lumbus, where he was twice all-Metro and set school records for runs and triples ...Transferred to Davenport Assumption, where he set a school record with 46 steals in 48 attempts as a senior while hitting .532.

**Personal**—Full name is Ben Craig Schroeder ... Son of Craig and Sue Schroeder ...Has a 16-year brother, Jason ...Business major ...Favorite book is *Friday Night Lights* ...Favorite movie is *Wild Things* ...Favorite baseball player is Ken Griffey Jr., and his favorite team is the St. Louis Cardinals ...Compares his talent to Lenny Dykstra ...Hobbies include sports and fishing ...Feels best part of being a UNI athlete is being part of the team ...Most admires his Dad, who played baseball at Iowa State ...Best memory in sports is winning the state baseball title.

## 22 • Brent Whipps



Fr. • 5-9 • 190

Catcher/Third Baseman

Bats R • Throws R

Urbandale, Iowa

At UNI—Redshirted in 1999.

**High School**—A 1998 graduate from Johnston High School.

**Personal**—Full name is Brent William Whipps ... Son of Bill and

Maria Whipps ...Has a brother, Bart (17) ...Favorite book is *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* ...Favorite movie is *The Usual Suspects* ...Favorite professional sports team is the Oakland A's ...Likes to read in his spare time ...Chose UNI because of the chance to play baseball ...Played for the Des Moines Shockers last summer.

*The UNI baseball program would also like to acknowledge Neil Francois, a junior infielder from Masonville. Francois was involved in a serious car accident in the fall and will not be able to play this season. The thoughts and prayers of the team are with him.*



## Panthers Sweep Sycamores To Close Season, Finish 28-26

The University of Northern Iowa baseball team closed the 1999 season with a four-game sweep of Indiana State, improving to 28-26 while winning at least 24 games for the sixth consecutive season. The 28 wins tied for second-most in school history, and

the 112 wins over the past four seasons equaled the most by any departing senior class. Despite winning the final five Missouri Valley Conference games of the season, UNI finished in seventh place at 13-17 while becoming the first MVC team ever to win 13 league games and fail to crack the top-six.

The 100th season of UNI baseball started on a high note, as the Panthers roared to an 8-0

start. After losing for the first time to Tennessee-Martin, UNI reeled off four consecutive wins to become the first squad ever to start 12-1. The outlook for the conference season looked bright, as UNI began with a 13-2 mark after a week-long trip in Daytona Beach, Fla.

UNI opened conference play by splitting at Evansville before a disappointing sweep at the hands of Southern Illinois. UNI returned to Valley action by splitting its next three series against Bradley, Illinois State and Southwest Missouri State.

After UNI dropped the series opener to Wichita State, sophomore Matt Cobb, a Wichita native, threw a complete game 8-3 victory over the seventh-ranked Shockers. After dropping the next five MVC games, UNI beat Creighton prior to sweeping Indiana State at home to end the year on a high note.

Individually, Waldorf Junior College transfers Ben Fjelland and Jesse Zimmer broke several individual records as part of a record-setting offense. Fjelland, who started the year at 2B but finished the year at 3B, became the first Panther since 1987 to hit .400, while also setting new records for hits (88) and at-bats (220). Zimmer tied Todd Barkalow's standard for homers in a season with 16.

On the mound, sophomore Matt Cobb rebounded from two bouts with leukemia to become the ace of the staff. Cobb set a new record with 10 saves in the season, then was shifted into the starting rotation. Cobb responded to the move with victories over Indiana State and Wichita State while averaging nearly eight innings per start.

As a team, UNI established new records in at-bats, hits, runs, doubles, RBI and total bases. Pitching records were set for saves and hit batsmen.

The future of UNI baseball looks bright, as Greg Woodin was the only senior in the everyday line-up. Fellow seniors Matt Friedman, Aaron Houdeshell, Mike Waller and A.J. Anderson all played a big role in the season's success off the bench. Both Luke Sabers and Kirk Chamberlain depart after throwing complete game victories in the final start of their UNI career as well.



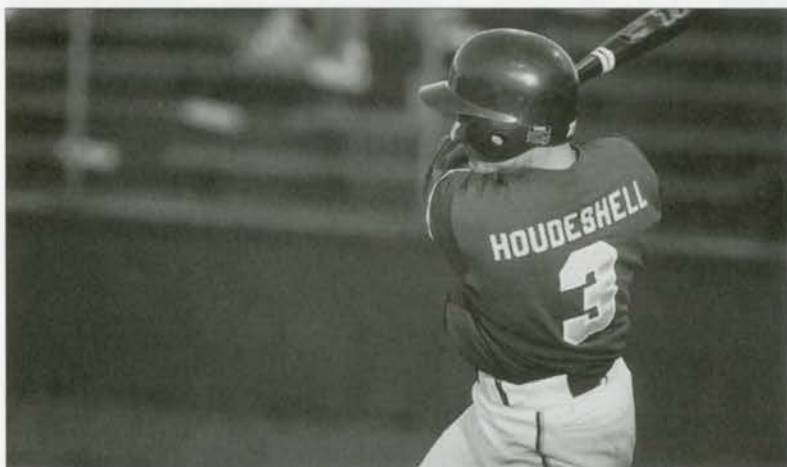
Matt Cobb



Ben Fjelland



Jesse Zimmer



Aaron Houdeshell started 35 games a year ago for the Panthers.

### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS SET IN 1999 (8)

Saves (Career)	10 Matt Cobb (tied)
Saves (Season)	10 Matt Cobb
Appearances (Season)	22 Matt Cobb
Batters Hit (Inning)	4 Matt Cobb vs. Iowa St. (ties NCAA record)
At-Bats (Season)	220 Ben Fjelland
Hits (Season)	88 Ben Fjelland
Home Runs (Season)	16 Jesse Zimmer (tied)
Doubles (Game)	3 Jesse Zimmer (tied) vs. Iowa

### TEAM GAME RECORDS SET IN 1999 (1)

5	Triples vs. Lehigh
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### TEAM SEASON RECORDS SET IN 1999 (10)

1877	At-Bats
384	Runs Scored
587	Hits
349	Runs Batted In
121	Doubles
189	Extra Base Hits
902	Total Bases
13	Saves
56	Batters Hit
61	Double Plays Turned



# 1999 GAME-BY-GAME

## 1999 Northern Iowa Baseball Results

Overall — 28-26    Home — 11-9    Road — 10-16    Neutral — 7-1  
MVC — 13-17    Home — 9-7    Road — 4-10

Date	Score, Opponent	UNI Pitcher	UNI Highlights	Line Score		
				UNI	Opp	Record
!Feb. 24	UNI 21, Northern State 3 (7 inn.)	Price (1-0)	Fjelland 4-5, 5 runs; Zimmer 3-4, 5 RBI	21-20-4	3-6-3	1-0
!Feb. 24	UNI 9, Northern State 1 (6 inn.)	Ungs (1-0)	Ungs 4 IP, 1 R, 5 SO; Brunner 2-3, 2 RBI	9-9-0	1-5-1	2-0
Feb. 27	UNI 13, SE Missouri State 12	Egger (1-0)	Fjelland 5-6, 4 RBI; Brunner 3-5, 2 2B, HR; Cobb save	13-16-3	12-13-1	3-0
Feb. 28	UNI 12, SE Missouri State 9 (7 inn.)	Lubach (1-0)	Fjelland 3-5; Houdeshell 2-4, 2 RBI; Cobb save	12-11-3	9-12-1	4-0
Feb. 28	UNI 10, SE Missouri State 3	Bunkers (1-0)	Bunkers 5 IP, 2 ER; Zimmer 1-3, HR, 2 RBI	10-13-1	3-8-3	5-0
Mar. 6	UNI 5, Tennessee-Martin 4 (7 inn.)	Chamberlain (1-0)	Woodin 2-4, 3 RBI; Chamberlain 6 IP, 2 ER; Cobb save	5-6-2	4-10-2	6-0
Mar. 6	UNI 10, Tennessee-Martin 4 (7 inn.)	Bunkers (2-0)	Zimmer 2-3, HR, 4 RBI; Brunner 2-4, 2 RBI	10-11-2	4-5-1	7-0
Mar. 7	UNI 5, Tennessee-Martin 4 (7 inn.)	Sabers (1-0)	Best start since '69; Woodin 2-3, HR, 2 RBI; Cobb save	5-9-3	4-7-1	8-0
Mar. 7	Tennessee-Martin 13, UNI 7 (7 inn.)	Price (1-1)	Heefner 3-4, 2B; Woodin 2-4, HR	7-11-3	13-13-0	8-1
#Mar. 11	UNI 13, Lehigh 8	Lubach (2-0)	School-record 5 triples; Fjelland 2-4, 3B, HR, 3 runs	13-15-2	8-15-4	9-1
#Mar. 12	UNI 7, St. Joseph's 5	Egger (2-0)	Schirmer 2-5, HR, 5 RBI; Martin 7.2 IP, 0 ER; Cobb save	7-10-7	5-10-1	10-1
#Mar. 12	UNI 10, Long Island-Brooklyn 9	Habel (1-0)	Ciarrachi 4-4, HR, 2 RBI; Cobb save	10-16-2	9-11-3	11-1
#Mar. 13	UNI 11, Fordham 7	Chamberlain (2-0)	Fjelland 2-4, 2B, HR, 3 RBI; Best start ever after 13 gms.	10-16-2	9-11-3	12-1
#Mar. 15	Bradley 12, UNI 9	Bunkers (2-1)	Heefner 2-4, 2 runs; Fjelland 2-5, 2 RBI	9-11-2	12-14-5	12-2
#Mar. 16	UNI 8, Illinois-Chicago 7	Sabers (2-0)	Fjelland 3-5, 3 RBI, 2B, HR; Cobb save	8-10-2	7-15-1	13-2
*Mar. 19	Evansville 12, UNI 9	Chamberlain (2-1)	Ciarrachi 3-5, 2 RBI; Schirmer 2-4, 2 RBI	9-12-3	12-12-1	13-3
*Mar. 20	Evansville 11, UNI 3 (7 inn.)	Bunkers (2-2)	Zimmer 1-3, HR, 2 RBI; Ciarrachi 1-3, 2B, RBI	3-5-2	11-14-1	13-4
*Mar. 20	UNI 11, Evansville 7	Price (2-1)	Brunner 3-5, HR, 2B, 4 RBI	11-14-0	7-13-4	14-4
*Mar. 21	UNI 11, Evansville 7	Sabers (3-0)	Schirmer 3-4, 3B, 4 RBI; Welsch 3-5, 2 RBI	11-18-1	7-11-5	15-4
Mar. 24	UNI 4, Wartburg 3	Egger (3-0)	Woodin 4-4, run; Heefner 3-4, 2 RBI	4-10-2	3-8-2	16-4
*Mar. 26	Southern Illinois 6, UNI 4	Chamberlain (2-2)	Zimmer 1-4, HR, 3 RBI; Chamberlain CG, 6 ER	4-9-0	6-14-0	16-5
*Mar. 27	Southern Illinois 10, UNI 9 (7 inn.)	Cobb (0-1)	Friedman 3-3, 3 runs; Zimmer 2-4, HR, 3 RBI	9-10-3	10-15-2	16-6
*Mar. 27	Southern Illinois 9, UNI 3	Price (2-2)	Zimmer, 1-4, HR; Fjelland 2-5, 2 RBI, 2B; Weber 2-3	3-10-5	9-14-1	16-7
*Mar. 28	Southern Illinois 8, UNI 1	Sabers (3-1)	Woodin 2-3; Ungs 4.1 IP, 2 ER, 2 SO	1-6-1	8-12-2	16-8
Mar. 30	Minn.St.-Mankato 7, UNI 5	Martin (0-1)	Martin 8 IP, 5 ER, 8 SO; Schirmer 2-5, 2 runs	5-10-2	7-6-3	16-9
*Apr. 3	UNI 3, Bradley 2 (14 inn.)	Cobb (1-1)	Cobb 6 IP, 0 R, 11 SO; Ungs 7.2 IP, 2 R, 7 SO	3-10-1	2-11-4	17-9
*Apr. 3	Bradley 15, UNI 5	Chamberlain (2-3)	Fjelland 3-5, RBI; Anderson 2-4, 2B	5-11-4	15-20-3	17-10
*Apr. 4	Bradley 5, UNI 2 (7 inn.)	Sabers (3-2)	Eldridge 3-3, HR, 2 runs; Fjelland 3-4, 2B	2-7-1	5-10-2	17-11
*Apr. 4	UNI 6, Bradley 4	Martin (1-1)	Anderson 4-5; Zimmer 3-4, HR; Egger save	6-16-0	4-6-1	18-11
Apr. 6	Minnesota 6, UNI 5 (10 inn.)	Cobb (1-2)	Miller 4 IP, 1 run; Welsch 3-4, run; Zimmer HR	5-10-1	6-14-0	18-12
Apr. 7	Iowa 17, UNI 16 (11 inn.)	Egger (3-1)	Zimmer 4-6, 3 2B, 4 RBI; Ciarrachi 4-6, 3 RBI	16-20-2	17-18-1	18-13
Apr. 11	Iowa State 18, UNI 10	Cobb (1-3)	Zimmer 3-4, 2 HR; Schirmer 3-4, 2B, 3B, 2 RBI	10-14-3	18-14-2	18-14
Apr. 11	Iowa State 12, UNI 11 (8 inn.)	Egger (3-2)	Houdeshell 3-4, 4 RBI, 2B, HR; Brunner 2-4, HR	11-10-3	12-14-2	18-15
Apr. 14	Minnesota 7, UNI 3	Habel (1-1)	Eldridge 3-4, 2B; Fjelland 3-5; Schirmer 2-4, 2 2B	3-13-1	7-10-0	18-16
*Apr. 17	UNI 6, Illinois State 3	Ungs (2-0)	Brunner 2-4, 2 2B; Ungs 7.1 IP, 3 R, 9 SO; Cobb save	6-10-2	3-7-2	19-16
*Apr. 17	UNI 11, Illinois State 5	Chamberlain (3-3)	Woodin 4-5, 3 RBI, HR, 3 runs; Lubach 2 IP, save	11-10-1	5-10-3	20-16
*Apr. 18	Illinois State 5, UNI 1 (11 inn.)	Cobb (1-4)	Cobb 10.1 IP, 2 ER; Schirmer 4-5, 2B; Zimmer 3-6	1-16-2	5-11-1	20-17
*Apr. 18	Illinois State 2, UNI 1 (7 inn.)	Bunkers (2-3)	Bunkers 7 IP, 1 ER, CG; Schirmer 2-3; Woodin 2-3	1-7-1	2-8-1	20-18
*Apr. 24	SW Missouri State 13, UNI 7	Chamberlain (3-4)	Zimmer 1-4, HR, 3 RBI; Houdeshell 2-4	7-10-2	13-14-1	20-19
*Apr. 24	UNI 11, SW Missouri State 8	Ungs (3-0)	Zimmer/Brunner HR; Cobb 2 IP, school-record 9th save	11-16-2	8-11-1	21-19
Apr. 28	UNI 6, Iowa 5	Habel (2-1)	Zimmer 2-4, HR, 3 RBI; 8 UNI pitchers; Cobb save	6-6-3	5-6-2	22-19
*Apr. 30	Wichita State 5, UNI 2	Chamberlain (3-5)	Ciarrachi 3-4, 2B; Habel 2.1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 4 SO	2-7-2	5-6-1	22-20
*May 1	UNI 8, Wichita State 3	Cobb (2-4)	Cobb 7 IP, CG, 3 R; Zimmer 2-3, RBI; Eldridge 2-2	8-10-0	3-7-0	23-20
*May 1	Wichita State 8, UNI 7	Sabers (3-3)	Fjelland 4-4, 2 2B, HR, 3 RBI; Brunner 3-5, 3 RBI, HR	7-15-1	8-12-3	23-21
*May 2	Wichita State 17, UNI 4	Bunkers (2-4)	Welsch 1-2, HR, 2 RBI; Brunner 2-4	4-8-2	17-20-1	23-22
*May 8	Creighton 19, UNI 5 (7 inn.)	Habel (2-2)	Woodin 3-3; Ciarrachi 2-3; Brunner HR, 3 RBI	5-10-1	19-18-0	23-23
*May 8	Creighton 7, UNI 4	Ungs (3-1)	Zimmer ties record with 16th HR; Welsch 2-4, HR	4-10-0	7-9-0	23-24
*May 9	Creighton 8, UNI 2 (7 inn.)	Cobb (2-5)	Brunner 1-2, HR, 2 runs; Eldridge 2-3, RBI, Cobb CG	2-3-6	8-12-0	23-25
*May 9	UNI 11, Creighton 10 (10 inn.)	Lubach (3-0)	Brunner 3-6, 2 HR, 5 RBI; Schirmer 2-4, HR, 3 RBI	11-10-2	10-13-3	24-25
May 11	Nebraska 10, UNI 7	Sabers (3-4)	Ciarrachi 3-4; Schirmer 2-4, HR, 3 RBI; Welsch HR	7-11-1	10-14-0	24-26
*May 14	UNI 8, Indiana State 4	Cobb (3-5)	Cobb 8 IP, 3 ER, 5 SO; Schirmer 1-3, HR, 3 RBI	8-10-2	4-14-2	25-26
*May 15	UNI 6, Indiana State 5 (7 inn.)	Ungs (4-1)	Schirmer 1-3, grand slam; Lubach save	6-7-6	5-7-2	26-26
*May 15	UNI 3, Indiana State 2	Chamberlain (4-5)	Chamberlain CG, 1 ER, 9 SO; 3 runs in bottom of 8th	3-9-1	2-5-1	27-26
*May 16	UNI 3, Indiana State 1 (5 inn./rain)	Sabers (4-4)	UNI sweeps ISU; Sabers 5 IP, 1 ER, CG	3-3-0	1-4-0	28-26

! game played in Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn. # game played in Daytona Beach, Fla. \* indicates Missouri Valley Conference game

### 1999 Miscellaneous Records

When UNI was They were	
At Home	11-9
Away	10-16
Neutral site	7-1
vs. RH starter	14-20
vs. LH starter	14-6
UNI scored first	20-13

When UNI was They were	
7-inning games	8-8
9-inning games	20-18
Leading after 8 (6)	23-2
Tied after 8 (6)	2-4
Extra Innings	2-4
UNI had more hits	16-7

When UNI was They were	
UNI had same hits	5-2
UNI had 10+ hits	21-18
UNI had 10+ runs	13-3
UNI had no errors	5-2
Before 5 p.m. start	20-22
After 5 p.m. start	8-4



# 1999 STATISTICS

## Batting

Name	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-SBA	PO	A	E	DP	FLD%
Aaron McEachran	.500	5-3	10	2	5	0	0	0	2	5	.500	1	2	0	0	.615	0	0	0-0	1	1	1	0	.667
Scott Miller	.500	8-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	1	1	0	.500
Ben Fjelland	.400	53-52	220	49	88	20	1	7	44	131	.595	16	8	24	2	.457	1	0	4-6	63	114	10	23	.947
Greg Woodin	.340	53-51	200	40	68	11	1	5	29	96	.480	20	5	12	6	.413	0	0	5-7	88	3	3	0	.968
Travis Welsch	.336	38-36	134	31	45	4	0	4	20	61	.455	13	4	29	6	.411	0	4	4-6	69	107	17	23	.912
Ryan Brunner	.330	54-54	218	35	72	19	1	12	52	129	.592	15	3	37	7	.380	1	1	3-4	447	48	8	59	.984
Scott Schirmer	.324	51-50	182	49	59	16	3	6	48	99	.544	23	3	46	5	.403	3	2	6-10	109	3	8	0	.933
A.J. Anderson	.310	13-7	42	4	13	4	0	1	8	20	.476	0	1	9	0	.326	0	1	0-0	4	0	0	0	1.000
Kevin Ciarrachi	.308	49-46	172	30	53	12	1	1	29	70	.407	11	1	30	5	.349	2	1	1-2	281	38	9	0	.973
Jesse Zimmer	.307	52-51	205	45	63	8	2	16	61	123	.600	21	2	49	5	.372	3	1	6-9	54	105	12	24	.930
Jason Eldridge	.296	22-20	71	11	21	6	0	4	10	39	.549	5	1	21	4	.351	0	1	0-1	7	1	0	0	1.000
Mike Hazel	.280	16-7	25	7	7	3	0	0	6	10	.400	1	0	7	0	.308	0	3	1-1	11	0	1	0	.917
Brady Weber	.260	24-11	50	7	13	4	0	0	4	17	.340	6	0	10	1	.339	0	0	0-0	4	1	2	0	.714
Aaron Houdeshell	.252	40-35	127	32	32	8	1	1	23	45	.354	21	3	21	4	.368	1	5	2-3	60	57	12	17	.907
Dan Heefner	.247	25-21	81	12	20	4	0	0	7	24	.296	7	2	17	1	.322	0	2	2-2	6	26	8	3	.800
Matt Friedman	.238	32-19	63	13	15	2	0	1	2	20	.317	7	0	24	1	.314	0	1	1-1	27	4	2	0	.939
Mike Waller	.160	30-23	75	16	12	0	0	0	4	12	.160	13	2	13	4	.300	0	3	1-1	69	18	2	1	.978
Tom Martin	.000	8-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	4	9	2	0	.867
<b>Totals — UNI</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>54-54</b>	<b>1877</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>.481</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>.382</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36-53</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>.948</b>
<b>Totals — Opponents</b>	<b>.329</b>	<b>54-54</b>	<b>1826</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>.516</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>.413</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35-65</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>.956</b>

## Pitching

Name	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	AVE	BK	HBP	PO	A	E	FLD%
Mike Egger	1.66	3-2	19	0	0	0	1	21.2	21	10	4	12	12	5	1	0	102	.250	4	2	0	10	2	.833
Matt Cobb	3.99	3-5	22	5	2	0	10	58.2	64	40	26	25	52	11	0	4	267	.282	4	8	5	12	4	.810
Aaron Lubach	5.15	3-0	17	0	0	0	2	36.2	42	23	21	11	22	9	3	2	169	.288	0	6	3	9	0	1.000
Nic Ungs	6.75	4-1	11	9	0	0	0	57.1	72	45	43	33	46	19	1	5	269	.323	2	3	6	10	2	.889
Tom Martin	7.24	1-1	7	6	0	0	0	32.1	42	30	26	8	27	7	3	3	154	.313	3	9	4	9	2	.867
Kirk Chamberlain	7.47	4-5	13	11	2	0	0	72.1	104	78	60	35	49	21	2	15	349	.354	4	10	4	12	0	1.000
Scott Miller	7.59	0-0	6	0	0	0	0	10.2	15	9	9	8	6	2	0	2	56	.349	0	4	0	1	1	.500
Luke Sabers	7.71	4-4	12	7	1	0	0	46.2	70	49	40	27	27	14	1	5	240	.350	8	5	6	6	1	.923
Mitch Price	8.17	2-2	12	4	0	0	0	36.1	60	38	33	23	28	15	3	8	188	.377	5	3	4	13	0	1.000
Josh Habel	9.00	2-2	8	2	0	0	0	20.0	26	21	20	13	16	10	0	5	100	.302	2	0	0	3	0	1.000
Jeremy Bunkers	9.07	2-4	11	10	1	0	0	45.2	79	55	46	18	26	20	1	8	235	.385	4	5	2	9	1	.917
Jon Kent	12.15	0-0	7	0	0	0	0	6.2	6	9	9	11	6	1	0	2	37	.240	2	1	1	1	0	1.000
<b>Totals — UNI</b>	<b>6.82</b>	<b>28-26</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>445.0</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2166</b>	<b>.329</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>.948</b>
<b>Totals — Opponents</b>	<b>6.29</b>	<b>26-28</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>449.1</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2131</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1348</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>.956</b>

Passed Balls - Ciarrachi 8, Waller 3, Opponent 25.

Wild Pitches - Sabers 8, Price 5, Egger 4, Bunkers 4, Cobb 4, Chamberlain 4, Martin 3, Ungs 2, Habel 2, Kent 2, Opponent 64.

Pickoffs - Sabers 2, Chamberlain 2, Cobb 2, Ungs 1, Martin 1, Opponent 9.

Intentional Walks Received - Brunner 3, Heefner 1, Fjelland 1.

Intentional Walks Thrown - Cobb 4, Lubach 2, Price 1, Egger 1, Chamberlain 1.

Left on Base - UNI 399, Opponent 424.

### Multiple R/H/RBI Games

Name	Runs	Hits	RBI
Scott Schirmer	12	20	14
Jesse Zimmer	12	16	16
Aaron Houdeshell	12	12	5
Ben Fjelland	11	30	14
Ryan Brunner	9	23	15
Greg Woodin	9	20	6
Kevin Ciarrachi	8	14	7
Travis Welsch	7	13	6
Jason Eldridge	3	7	1
Dan Heefner	2	6	1
Matt Friedman	1	3	1
Brady Weber	1	3	0
Mike Waller	0	3	0
A. J. Anderson	0	3	3
Mike Hazel	0	1	2

### Game Winning RBI

Name	GWRBI
Greg Woodin	7
Ryan Brunner	6
Ben Fjelland	4
Jesse Zimmer	3
None	3
Kevin Ciarrachi	2
Scott Schirmer	2
Aaron Houdeshell	1

### Run Support

Name	Runs-GS	Ave.
Mitch Price	45-4	11.3
Nic Ungs	75-9	8.3
Kirk Chamberlain	81-11	7.4
Tom Martin	40-6	6.7
Jeremy Bunkers	64-10	6.4
Luke Sabers	42-7	6.0
Matt Cobb	29-5	5.8
Josh Habel	8-2	4.0

### Inherited Runners To Score

Name	Rnrs.-Scored	% to score
Nic Ungs	0-1	0.00
Jeremy Bunkers	0-1	0.00
Scott Miller	3-9	33.3
Matt Cobb	8-20	40.0
Kirk Chamberlain	2-5	40.0
Mike Egger	10-25	40.0
Josh Habel	3-6	50.0
Jon Kent	3-6	50.0
Aaron Lubach	16-27	59.3
Luke Sabers	6-9	66.7
Mitch Price	8-9	88.9

### Save Situations

Name	Saves	Opp.	Save %
Matt Cobb	10	11	90.9
Aaron Lubach	2	2	100.0
Mike Egger	1	4	25.0



# 1999 VALLEY RESULTS/HONORS

## 1999 MVC Tourney

#3 Creighton 12, #4 Evansville 4  
 #5 Illinois State 9, #2 SW Missouri St. 0  
 #1 Wichita State 10, #6 Bradley 6  
 #2 SW Missouri State 10, #6 Bradley 9  
 #5 Illinois State 9, #3 Creighton 7  
 #1 Wichita State 13, #4 Evansville 7  
 #3 Creighton 11, #2 SW Missouri St. 2  
 #1 Wichita State 10, #5 Illinois State 8  
 #3 Creighton 3, #5 Illinois State 2  
 #1 Wichita State, #3 Creighton 2  
 Wichita State wins MVC Tournament

## First Team All-MVC

C Jon Hale, SW Missouri State  
 1B Pat Magness, Wichita State  
 2B Blake Blasi, Wichita State  
 3B Ryan Gripp, Creighton  
 SS Kevin Hooper, Wichita State  
 UT **Ben Fjelland, Northern Iowa**  
 DH Ryan Duncheon, Illinois State  
 OF Matt Cepicky, SW Missouri State  
 OF Joe Schley, Southern Illinois  
 OF Micah Holst, SW Missouri State  
 SP Peyton Lewis, Creighton  
 SP Evan Fahrner, Bradley  
 SP Eric Eckenstahler, Illinois State  
 RP Marc Bluma, Wichita State  
 RP **Matt Cobb, Northern Iowa**

## Second Team All-MVC

C Jeff Busse, Bradley  
 1B Ryan Howard, SW Missouri State  
 2B Vince Pietro, Creighton  
 3B Koyie Hill, Wichita State  
 SS Todd Mitchell, Illinois State  
 UT Peyton Lewis, Creighton  
 DH Brian Fuess, SW Missouri State  
 OF Ryan Knox, Illinois State  
 OF Marty Worsley, Southern Illinois  
 OF Ruben Mojica, Bradley  
 SP Preston Larrison, Evansville  
 SP Brandon Sloan, Wichita State  
 SP Willie Glen, Evansville  
 RP Scott Yarhaus, Creighton  
 RP Shayne Ferrier, SW Missouri State

## Honorable Mention All-MVC

Bradley — 1B Nelson Correa; 2B Jesse Smith  
 Creighton — SP Dan Gooris; 1B Dan Lawler  
 Evansville — SS Wes Carroll; 3B Ryan Connors; C Matt Serafini; DH Phil Broshears; UT/P Vince Serafini  
 Illinois State — OF Jared Dufault  
 Indiana State — 2B Ben Wizenman; OF Rick Angell; SP Alex Graman  
 Northern Iowa — SS **Jesse Zimmer**; OF Greg Woodin  
 Southern Illinois — SP Jason Frasor; RP Jake Alley  
 Southwest Missouri State — OF Nick Kays  
 Wichita State — C Brian Preston; OF Jeff Ryan; SP Ben Keiter; SP Ben Christensen; RP Greg Drumwright

Player of the Year: ..... Matt Cepicky, SMS  
 Pitcher of the Year: ..... Peyton Lewis, CU  
 Newcomer of the Year: ..... Peyton Lewis, CU  
 Freshman of the Year: ..... Ryan Howard, SMS  
 Coach of the Year: ..... Jack Dahm, CU

## 1999 Conference Standings

### MISSOURI VALLEY

	W-L	Pct.	H	A
Wichita State	24-7	.774	11-4	13-3
SW Missouri St.	18-11	.621	9-5	9-6
Creighton	18-13	.581	12-4	6-9
Evansville	17-13	.567	7-8	10-5
Illinois State	17-15	.531	10-6	7-9
Bradley	15-17	.469	8-8	7-9
Northern Iowa	13-17	.433	9-7	4-10
Southern Illinois	9-22	.290	4-11	5-11
Indiana State	8-24	.250	5-11	3-13

### OVERALL

	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N
Wichita State	59-14	.808	34-6	22-8	3-0
SW Missouri St.	38-19	.667	18-7	16-8	4-4
Creighton	38-25	.603	12-5	14-14	12-6
Evansville	32-25-1	.560	16-10-1	15-11	1-4
Illinois State	35-24	.593	15-8	12-14	8-2
Bradley	26-31	.456	10-10	12-19	4-2
Northern Iowa	28-26	.519	11-9	10-16	7-1
Southern Illinois	25-29	.463	9-13	12-14	4-2
Indiana State	21-34	.382	17-12	4-20	0-2

## 1999 MVC Team Statistics (MVC Games Only)

	G	Avg	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	ERA	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
Bradley	32	.302	1071	212	323	43	188	24	5.11	262.1	330	149	133	225
Creighton	31	.314	1017	216	319	43	198	17	4.98	255.0	284	141	99	214
Evansville	30	.305	974	169	297	22	145	34	5.69	250.0	298	156	101	197
Illinois St.	32	.325	1089	215	354	36	196	29	6.98	261.2	349	203	107	168
Indiana St.	32	.277	977	161	271	19	144	35	8.31	247.0	379	228	144	187
No. Iowa	30	.296	1010	167	299	26	153	16	6.78	248.1	340	187	126	189
So. Illinois	31	.290	1023	138	297	24	130	29	5.29	253.2	301	149	97	191
SW Mo. St.	29	.330	1006	290	332	77	268	21	5.85	237.0	271	154	148	169
Wichita St.	31	.332	1038	258	345	37	240	45	4.48	257.0	277	128	69	233

## 1999 MVC Players of the Week

2/15 Ryan Gripp, Creighton  
 2/22 Pat Magness, Wichita State  
 3/1 **Ben Fjelland, Northern Iowa**  
 3/8 Ryan Duncheon, Illinois State  
 3/15 Ryan Knox, Illinois State  
 3/23 Brian Preston, Wichita State  
 3/30 Steve Ruggeri, Southern Illinois  
 4/5 Matt Cepicky, SW Missouri State  
 4/12 Jon Hale, SW Missouri State  
 4/19 Vince Pietro, Creighton  
 4/26 Kevin Hooper, Wichita State  
 5/3 Koyie Hill, Wichita State  
 5/10 Dan Lawler, Creighton  
 5/17 Seth Von Behren, Illinois State

## Pitching Leaders (All Games)

ERA  
 Jason Frasor, SIU ..... 3.27  
 Peyton Lewis, CU ..... 3.30  
 B.J. Burkhart, ILS ..... 3.34  
 Brandon Sloan, WSU ..... 3.66

## Wins

Peyton Lewis, CU ..... 10  
 Brandon Sloan, WSU ..... 10  
 Dan Gooris, CU ..... 10  
 Ben Christensen, WSU ..... 9

## Innings Pitched

B.J. Burkhart, ILS ..... 105.0  
 Peyton Lewis, CU ..... 103.2  
 Alex Graman, INS ..... 100.1  
 Willie Glen, UE ..... 98.1

## Strikeouts (per nine innings)

Evan Fahrner, BU ..... 11.06  
 Jason Frasor, SIU ..... 10.28  
 Alex Graman, INS ..... 10.05

## Saves

Marc Bluma, WSU ..... 17  
 Scott Yahraus, CU ..... 11  
**Matt Cobb, UNI** ..... 10  
 Jake Alley, SIU ..... 7

## 1999 MVC Pitchers of the Week

2/15 Erich Bryan, Wichita State  
 2/22 Brandon Sloan, Wichita State  
 3/1 **Matt Cobb, Northern Iowa**  
 3/8 Ben Christensen, Wichita State  
 3/15 Jason Frasor, Southern Illinois  
 3/23 Brad Heuring, Southern Illinois  
 3/30 Peyton Lewis, Creighton  
 4/5 Aric LeClair, Indiana State  
 4/12 Robbie Holmes, Creighton  
 4/19 B.J. Burkhart, Illinois State  
 4/26 Jason Krafft, Wichita State  
 5/3 Eric Eckenstahler, Illinois State  
 5/10 Brandon Sloan, Wichita State  
 5/17 Jeremy Brown, Evansville

## Batting Leaders (All Games)

### Batting Average

Matt Cepicky, SMS ..... .414  
 Kevin Hooper, WSU ..... .402

### Home Runs Per Game

Matt Cepicky, SMS ..... 0.54  
 Jon Hale, SMS ..... 0.45

### RBI Per Game

Matt Cepicky, SMS ..... 1.79  
 Ryan Gripp, CU ..... 1.33

### Hits Per Game

**Ben Fjelland, UNI** ..... 1.66  
 Micah Holst, SMS ..... 1.65

### Doubles Per Game

Jason Beckman, BU ..... 0.44  
 Blake Blasi, WSU ..... 0.41

### Triples Per Game

Joe Schley, SIU ..... 0.13  
 Kevin Hooper, WSU ..... 0.13

### Runs Per Game

Matt Cepicky, SMS ..... 1.61  
 Matt Gardner, SMS ..... 1.44

### Stolen Bases Per Game

Jeff Ryan, WSU ..... 0.55  
 Kevin Hooper, WSU ..... 0.47



## This is the Missouri Valley Conference

As it enters the next millennium, the Missouri Valley Conference continues to lead by example as one of college athletics most progressive conferences. Now in its 93rd year of existence, the Missouri Valley Conference emphasizes the importance of the student-athlete and is aggressive in its approach to provide opportunities for its member institutions.

Since its inception in 1907, the Missouri Valley Conference has been regarded as a leader by its peers among today's collegiate athletic conferences. Based in St. Louis since 1985, the Conference has been aggressive in the approach to playing host to NCAA basketball championship events, producing a revenue-generating in-house television network, bidding out the right to play host to its several sport championships and landing title sponsorships for those events.

Under the direction of J. Douglas Elgin, the ninth commissioner in Valley history, the Valley has played host to the 1993, 1998 and 1999 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Midwest Regionals. In fact, the Missouri Valley Conference will play host to four NCAA basketball championship events in the next six years.

During the past three years, the Valley has led the way for the city of St. Louis in landing the NCAA's basketball crown jewels. On June 30, 1997, the Conference was selected to play host to the 2001 NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four at Kiel Center (March 30 and April 1). On June 25, 1998, the Valley and the St. Louis Local Organizing Committee were tabbed by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee to play host to the 2005 Final Four (April 2 and 4) at the Trans World Dome. Along with the 2005 award, the Valley will serve as host for the 2004 Midwest Regional at the Dome. On December 17, 1998, the Valley and the St. Louis Local Organizing Committee were awarded by the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee the 2002 First/Second Rounds of the South Regional (March 14 and 16) at the Trans World Dome. It will be the first time that the Valley will serve as a first- and second-round host.

The oldest athletic conference west of the Mississippi River, the Missouri Valley Conference has been cutting edge in the area of its television network. Beginning in 1993-94, the Valley took its television network in-house and began to produce, syndicate and sell a televised package of regular season and tournament events for distribution on local broadcast and national cable networks.

The Valley Television Network includes a package of more than 30 men's and women's basketball games and selected other tournament championship events that air on ESPN, espn2, Fox Sports Network, and on statewide cable systems and local broadcast stations throughout the Midwest.

Starting in 1995-96, the Conference broke new ground by bidding out the right to play host to its volleyball, men's and women's soccer and baseball championships. By establishing uniform host criteria, the Conference is able to assist a host institution in a season-long promotional campaign and provide an avenue where hosts can acquire a title sponsor and achieve a profit for the event.

The seeds for this vision were planted by eight administrators representing five institutions, who gathered at the Midland Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 12, 1907.

The five schools which formed the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Association were Washington University of St. Louis, and the state universities of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Two months after the initial meeting, two more schools -- Drake University and Iowa State College -- were admitted.

In the fall of 1907, basketball became the first competitive sport. Today, the Missouri Valley Conference sponsors the following sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country and track (indoor and outdoor), men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball.

This season, the league will conduct its 89th outdoor track and field championship, its 82nd tennis championship, its 46th baseball tournament and its 62nd golf championship for the men. Those programs, plus other current sponsored sports of cross country (42 years), indoor track (33), soccer (9) and swimming and diving (6), have helped solidify the Missouri Valley Conference as one of the most respected conferences nationally.

Athletic accomplishments on the men's athletics side include four national basketball championships, 17 trips to the NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four and a 1989 national baseball championship. MVC student-athletes and coaches have become household names during the conference's illustrious history, both during their collegiate careers and, for some, professional careers which have followed stardom in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Valley, which has a storied past, began honoring that tradition in the summer of 1997, when the Missouri Valley Conference started its Hall of Fame.

The inclusion of women's programs under the Valley banner -- the nation's second-oldest collegiate athletic conference -- has provided an immediate boost. During the 1992-93 academic year, women's athletics were brought under the Valley umbrella for the first time. The Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference -- which began in 1982 -- merged with the Missouri Valley Conference and was unveiled as part of the new conference on July 1, 1992.

The 1998-99 academic year was, arguably, the greatest year in the history of the Missouri Valley Conference. In all, the Valley received a total of six at-large bids to NCAA championships -- two in men's basketball and baseball and one in women's basketball and women's volleyball. As a league, the Valley's men's and women's basketball programs finished eighth and ninth, respectively, in the final NCAA Ratings Percentage Index report -- the highest ranking for both genders.

In men's basketball, the Valley sent three teams -- Creighton, Evansville and Southwest Missouri State -- with SMS reaching the Sweet Sixteen and becoming the third Missouri Valley Conference school to accomplish that feat in the last six years. In women's basketball, Southwest Missouri State and Evansville -- the Valley Tournament champion -- represented the conference in the NCAA Tournament, while the women sent four teams -- Creighton, Drake, Indiana State and Wichita State -- into the WNIT, with Drake advancing to the WNIT Final Four.

In men's soccer, Creighton advanced to the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals, while in women's volleyball, Northern Iowa -- the Valley Tournament champion -- and Illinois State played in the NCAA Tournament, marking the second time in seven seasons the Valley sent two teams.

By sending three teams -- Creighton, Southwest Missouri State and Wichita State -- into the 1999 NCAA Tournament, the Valley continues to cement its position as one of the premier conferences in baseball. Since 1980, some 36 MVC teams have played in the NCAA Tournament, with nine of those teams advancing to the College World Series in the last 15 years.

Bradley became the first league team to play in the CWS in 1950, while Wichita State, which captured the NCAA title in 1989, has now represented the Valley in the last 13 NCAA baseball tournaments and reached the College World Series in six of the last 12 seasons. Former Wichita State greats Joe Carter (1981) and Darren Dreifort (1993) were named collegiate players of the year.

The success of the Valley is not just limited to NCAA Championships, as the Valley has had its share of Olympic champions.

At the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, the MVC collected its share of hardware. Drake's Dani Tyler grabbed a gold medal as a member of Team USA's champion softball squad. Wichita State's Braden Looper carried a bronze medal as a member of Team USA's third-place baseball unit, while Indiana State's Bruce Baumgartner earned a bronze in wrestling. Wichita State's Einaris Tupuris carried his country's flag -- Latvia -- during the opening ceremonies.

From its early beginning to its current standing on the map of college athletics, the Missouri Valley Conference will always continue to be pro-active in its approach.

Members of the Conference include Bradley University, Creighton University, Drake University, University of Evansville, Illinois State University, Indiana State University, University of Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois University, Southwest Missouri State University and Wichita State University.



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### MEMBER SCHOOLS

Bradley	•	Creighton
Drake	•	Evansville
Illinois State	•	Indiana State
Northern Iowa	•	Southern Illinois
Southwest Missouri State	•	Wichita State



## 1999 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE DRAFT PICKS

Name	College/Univ.	MLB Team	Rd.
Ben Christensen	Wichita State	Chicago (NL)	1st
Rob Purvis	Bradley	Chicago (AL)	1st
Alex Graman	Indiana State	New York (AL)	3rd
Ryan Gripp	Creighton	Chicago (NL)	3rd
Matt Cepicky	SW Missouri State	Montreal	4th
Brandon Sloan	Wichita State	Chicago (AL)	4th
Nate Robertson	Wichita State	Florida	5th
Kevin Hooper	Wichita State	Florida	8th
Marc Bluma	Wichita State	Toronto	13th
Jon Hale	SW Missouri State	Los Angeles	13th
Todd Mitchell	Illinois State	New York (AL)	14th
Brian Preston	Wichita State	Montreal	14th
Sean Brummett	Indiana State	Anaheim	15th
Micah Holst	SW Missouri State	San Francisco	16th
Tymber Lee	Wichita State	Kansas City	16th
<b>Kevin Ciarrachi</b>	<b>Northern Iowa</b>	<b>New York (NL)</b>	<b>17th</b>
Peyton Lewis	Creighton	Toronto	18th
Matt Smith	SW Missouri State	New York (NL)	18th
John Kremer	Evansville	New York (AL)	19th
Evan Fahrner	Bradley	Arizona	23rd
Pat Magness	Wichita State	Kansas City	23rd
Ryan Knox	Illinois State	Milwaukee	24th
Joe Schley	Southern Illinois	Philadelphia	24th
Shayne Ferrier	SW Missouri State	Anaheim	25th
Ryan Miller	Evansville	Minnesota	31st
Eric Eckenstahler	Illinois State	Detroit	32nd
Jason Frasor	Southern Illinois	Detroit	33rd
Jeff Ryan	Wichita State	Chicago (AL)	37th
Greg Bauer	Wichita State	Kansas City	46th

## Sobkowiak Named Braves Top Pitching Prospect

*Baseball America* has named former UNI pitcher Scott Sobkowiak as the top pitching prospect in the Atlanta Braves organization. Last season *Baseball America* recognized the potential abilities of current major league pitchers Bruce Chen, Odalis Perez, Kevin McGlinchy and Micah Bowie from the Braves farm system.



In his first pro season, Sobkowiak overpowered the Carolina League, ranking second in the league in strikeouts and third in ERA. He finished the season with seven consecutive wins and had a 9-4 record with a 2.84 ERA in 26 starts. He also struck out 161 hitters in just 139 innings.

Sobkowiak is expected to start the season with Greenville (AA), but according to the article, "could move quickly, as Kevin Millwood did in 1997." The article goes on to say "Sobkowiak is a classic Braves righthander who reminds many in the organization of John Smoltz and Kevin Millwood."

Sobkowiak struck out 55 batters and had a 1.55 ERA in 40.2 innings of work his rookie season with Eugene (A) in 1998.

Sobkowiak spent three seasons from 1996-98 with Northern Iowa before being drafted in the seventh round. He ended his Panther career with a 10-15 record, 6.41 ERA, and ranks in the top-five in games started (31), innings pitched (210.2) and strikeouts (213).

## MVC ALUMNI IN THE MAJORS

The following is partial list containing professional players who played at current Missouri Valley Conference institutions, their first professional organization, and the year they signed:

### Bradley

Mike Grace	Philadelphia	1991
Jim Lindeman	St. Louis	1983
Kirby Puckett	Minnesota	1982

### Creighton

Alan Benes	St. Louis	1993
Bob Gibson	St. Louis	1957
Dax Jones	San Francisco	1991
Dave McKay	Minnesota	1971
Dennis Rasmussen	California	1980
Scott Servais	Houston	1988
Scott Stahoviak	Minnesota	1991

### Evansville

Andy Benes	San Diego	1988
Sal Fasano	Kansas City	1993

### Illinois State

Dave Bergman	New York (AL)	1975
Paul Wagner	Pittsburgh	1989

### Indiana State

Wallace Johnson	Montreal	1979
Zane Smith	Atlanta	1982

### Northern Iowa (more information on page 37)

Steve Dreyer	Texas	1990
Duane Josephson	Chicago (AL)	1965
Eddie Watt	Baltimore	1965

### Southern Illinois

Sean Bergman	Detroit	1991
Jim Dwyer	St. Louis	1971
Steve Finley	Baltimore	1987
Jerry Hairston	Baltimore	1997
Al Levine	Chicago (AL)	1991
Dave Stieb	Toronto	1978

### SW Missouri State

Mark Bailey	Houston	1982
Scott Bailes	Pittsburgh	1982
Bill Mueller	San Francisco	1993

### Wichita State

Joe Carter	Chicago (NL)	1981
Darren Dreifort	Los Angeles	1993
Tyler Green	Philadelphia	1991
Mike Lansing	Miami Miracle	1990
Braden Looper	St. Louis	1996
Pat Meares	Minnesota	1990
Charlie O'Brien	Oakland	1982



## BRADLEY BRAVES

**Location:** Peoria, Illinois  
**Founded:** 1897  
**Enrollment:** 5,837  
**Colors:** Red and White  
**Home Field (Cap.):** Pete Vonachen Stadium (6,200)  
**Dimensions:** 335, 383, 335  
**Head Coach:** Dewey Kalmer (Quincy, 1966)  
**Record at Bradley (Years):** 618-509 (20)  
**Career Record (Years):** 808-651 (31)  
**Assistant Coaches:** John Young and John Dyke  
**Baseball Office Phone:** 309-677-2684

## • APRIL 15-16 IN PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**1999 Record:** 26-31  
**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 15-17/6th  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 16/7  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 6/3  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 3/3  
**All-Time Series:** Bradley leads 19-14  
**Last Year vs. BU:** UNI and BU split four games at UNI  
**Baseball SID:** Bobby Parker  
**SID Office Phone:** 309-677-2624  
**SID Office Fax:** 309-677-2626  
**Press Box:** 309-673-8381  
**Web Site:** [www.bradley.edu/Athletics](http://www.bradley.edu/Athletics)

## CREIGHTON BLUEJAYS

**Location:** Omaha, Nebraska  
**Founded:** 1878  
**Enrollment:** 6,325  
**Colors:** Blue & White  
**Home Field (Cap.):** CU Sports Complex (1,500)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 380, 405, 380, 330  
**Head Coach:** Jack Dahm (Creighton, 1990)  
**Record at Creighton (Years):** 174-161-2 (6)  
**Career Record (Years):** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Ed Servais and Bill Olson  
**Baseball Office Phone:** 402-280-5545

## • MARCH 31, APRIL 1-2 IN WATERLOO, IOWA

**1999 Record:** 38-25  
**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 18-13/3rd  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 17/9  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 9/3  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 3/2  
**All-Time Series:** Creighton leads 32-9  
**Last Year vs. CU:** Creighton won three of four games in Omaha  
**Baseball SID:** Abby Dillon  
**SID Office Phone:** 402-280-5544  
**SID Office Fax:** 402-280-2495  
**Press Box:** 402-490-4454  
**Web Site:** [www.gocreighton.com](http://www.gocreighton.com)

## EVANSVILLE PURPLE ACES

**Location:** Evansville, Indiana  
**Founded:** 1854  
**Enrollment:** 2,576  
**Colors:** Purple, Orange & White  
**Home Field (Cap.):** Carson Center Field (1,000)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 390, 300  
**Head Coach:** Jim Brownlee (Illinois State, 1970)  
**Record at Evansville (Years):** 602-533-5 (20)  
**Career Record (Years):** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Tim Brownlee, Jeremy Brown and Ryan Barrett  
**Baseball Office Phone:** 812-479-2760

## • APRIL 21-23 IN WATERLOO, IOWA

**1999 Record:** 32-25-1  
**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 17-13/4th  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 17/4  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 9/0  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 4/2  
**All-Time Series:** UNI leads 12-9  
**Last Year vs. Evansville:** UNI & UE split four games in Evansville  
**Baseball SID:** Jeff Williams  
**SID Office Phone:** 812-488-1152  
**SID Office Fax:** 812-479-2090  
**Press Box:** n/a  
**Web Site:** [www.evansville.edu/athletics](http://www.evansville.edu/athletics)

## ILLINOIS STATE REDBIRDS

**Location:** Normal, Illinois  
**Founded:** 1857  
**Enrollment:** 20,281  
**Colors:** Red & White  
**Home Field (Cap.):** Redbird Field (1,500)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 400, 330  
**Head Coach:** Jeff Stewart (Northern Illinois, 1979)  
**Record at Illinois State (Years):** 298-323-1 (11)  
**Career Record (Years):** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Tim Johnson and Perry Roth  
**Baseball Office Phone:** 309-438-5151

## • MARCH 17-19 IN NORMAL, ILLINOIS

**1999 Record:** 35-24  
**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 17-15/5th  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 18/6  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/4  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 5/2  
**All-Time Series:** Tied 18-18-1  
**Last Year vs. Illinois St.:** UNI & ISU split four games in Waterloo  
**Baseball SID:** Andy Knapick  
**SID Office Phone:** 309-438-3249  
**SID Office Fax:** 309-438-5634  
**Press Box:** 309-438-3504  
**Web Site:** [www.redbirds.org](http://www.redbirds.org)



## INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES

**Location:** Terre Haute, Indiana  
**Founded:** 1865  
**Enrollment:** 11,484  
**Colors:** Royal Blue & White  
**Home Field (Cap.):** Sycamore Field (2,500)  
**Dimensions:** 340, 402, 340  
**Head Coach:** Bob Warn (Southern Illinois, 1968)  
**Record at Indiana State (Years):** 871-541-8 (24)  
**Career Record (Years):** 1,035-588-8 (32)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Mitch Hannahs, Kevin Bowers and Justin Stone  
**Baseball Office Phone:** 812-237-4051

## • APRIL 28-30 IN TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

**1999 Record:** 21-34  
**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 8-24/9th  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 13/7  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/4  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 4/3  
**All-Time Series:** UNI leads 23-8  
**Last Year vs. Indiana State:** UNI won all four games in Waterloo  
**Baseball SID:** Kris Kamann  
**SID Office Phone:** 812-237-4073  
**SID Office Fax:** 812-237-4157  
**Press Box:** 812-237-4187  
**Web Site:** [www.indstate.edu](http://www.indstate.edu)

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS

**Location:** Carbondale, Illinois  
**Founded:** 1869  
**Enrollment:** 22,252  
**Colors:** Maroon & White  
**Home Field (Cap.):** Abe Martin Field (2,000)  
**Dimensions:** 340, 370, 390, 370, 340  
**Head Coach:** Dan Callahan (Quincy, 1981)  
**Record at SIU (Years):** 117-152 (5)  
**Career Record (Years):** 270-310-1 (10)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Ken Henderson, Dan Davis and Carl Kochan  
**Baseball Office Phone:** 618-453-2802

## • MAY 5-7 IN WATERLOO, IOWA

**1999 Record:** 25-29  
**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 9-22/8th  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 11/8  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 6/3  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 3/4  
**All-Time Series:** SIU leads 18-8  
**Last Year vs. SIU:** SIU swept four games in Carbondale  
**Baseball SID:** Charles Staniszewski  
**SID Office Phone:** 618-453-7236  
**SID Office Fax:** 618-453-2648  
**Press Box:** 618-453-3794  
**Web Site:** [www.siu.edu/~baseball](http://www.siu.edu/~baseball)

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE BEARS

**Location:** Springfield, Missouri  
**Founded:** 1905  
**Enrollment:** 18,962  
**Colors:** Maroon and White  
**Home Field (Cap.):** Meador Park (1,500), Price Cutter Park (6,000)  
**Dimensions:** 350, 380, 350  
**Head Coach:** Keith Guttin (Missouri-St. Louis, 1978)  
**Record at SMS (Years):** 608-321 (18)  
**Career Record (Years):** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Brent Thomas, Paul Evans and Jamie Sheetz  
**Baseball Office Phone:** 417-836-5242

## • MARCH 24-26 IN WATERLOO, IOWA

**1999 Record:** 38-19  
**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 18-11/2nd  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 13/13  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/4  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 4/5  
**All-Time Series:** SMS leads 49-7  
**Last Year vs. SMS:** SMS & UNI split two games in Springfield  
**Baseball SID:** Mark Stillwell/Neal Williams  
**SID Office Phone:** 417-836-5402  
**SID Office Fax:** 417-836-4868  
**Press Box:** 417-882-4005  
**Web Site:** [www.sports.smsu.edu](http://www.sports.smsu.edu)

## WICHITA STATE SHOCKERS

**Location:** Wichita, Kansas  
**Founded:** 1895  
**Enrollment:** 14,773  
**Colors:** Black & Yellow  
**Home Field (Cap.):** Eck Stadium (Home of Tyler Field) (5,665)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 390, 330  
**Head Coach:** Gene Stephenson (Missouri, 1968)  
**Record at Wichita State (Years):** 1,224-360-3 (22)  
**Career Record (Years):** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Brent Kemnitz and Jim Thomas  
**Baseball Office Phone:** 316-978-3636

## • APRIL 7-9 IN WICHITA, KANSAS

**1999 Record:** 59-14  
**1999 MVC Record/Finish:** 24-7/1st  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 14/5  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/3  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 2/3  
**All-Time Series:** WSU leads 25-3  
**Last Year vs. WSU:** Wichita State won 3 of 4 games in Waterloo  
**Baseball SID:** Darren Nelson  
**SID Office Phone:** 316-978-3265  
**SID Office Fax:** 316-978-3336  
**Press Box:** 316-978-3390  
**Web Site:** [www.twsu.edu](http://www.twsu.edu)



## Non-Conference Opponents

### NORTHWESTERN • FEBRUARY 17

**Location:** Evanston, Illinois  
**Head Coach:** Paul Stevens (Lewis '76)  
**Record at School:** 317-343 (12)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Tim Stoddard, Ron Klein, Joe Keenan  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 847-491-4652  
**Conference:** Big Ten  
**Last Year's Finish:** 10-18/9th  
**1999 Record:** 24-29  
**Baseball SID:** Mike Mahoney  
**SID Phone:** 847-491-7503  
**SID Fax:** 847-491-8818  
**Athletics Web Site:** nusports.com  
**Field/Capacity:** Rocky Miller Park (1,000)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 365, 400, 375, 330  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 20/3    **Starters:** 7/1    **Pitchers:** 7/3

### NORTH DAKOTA • FEBRUARY 29

**Location:** Grand Forks, North Dakota  
**Head Coach:** Kelvin P. Ziegler  
**Record at School:** 140-86      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Ryan Kragh, Mike Dahl, Trevor Timp  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 701-777-4038  
**Conference:** North Central (NCAA II)  
**Last Year's Finish:** n/a  
**1999 Record:** 24-19  
**Baseball SID:** Jim Stephan  
**SID Phone:** 701-777-2985  
**SID Fax:** 701-777-4352  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.und.edu  
**Field/Capacity:** n/a (n/a)  
**Dimensions:** 320, 395, 320  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 13/n/a    **Starters:** 5/3    **Pitchers:** 4/1

### PORTLAND • FEBRUARY 18

**Location:** Portland, Oregon  
**Head Coach:** Chris Speery (Portland '88)  
**Record at School:** 33-67 (3)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Ryan Brust, Billy Winter  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** n/a  
**Conference:** West Coast  
**Last Year's Finish:** 16-14/2nd (West)  
**1999 Record:** 23-28  
**Baseball SID:** Loren Wohlgemuth  
**SID Phone:** 503-943-7439  
**SID Fax:** 503-943-7242  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.up.edu/athletics/default.html  
**Field/Capacity:** Pilot Stadium (1,500)  
**Dimensions:** 350, 385, 348  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 15/8    **Starters:** 6/2    **Pitchers:** 6/4

### WRIGHT STATE • MARCH 3

**Location:** Dayton, Ohio  
**Head Coach:** Ron Nischwitz (Ohio State '61)  
**Record at School:** 754-547-7 (25)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Bo Billinski, Dan Bassler  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 957-775-2771  
**Conference:** Midwestern Collegiate  
**Last Year's Finish:** 8-10/4th  
**1999 Record:** 26-28  
**Baseball SID:** Shawn Adkins  
**SID Phone:** 937-775-3666  
**SID Fax:** 937-775-2818  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.wright.edu/athletics  
**Field/Capacity:** Nischwitz Stadium (5,000)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 375, 400, 375, 330  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 17/7    **Starters:** 8/2    **Pitchers:** 3/2

### NEVADA • FEBRUARY 19

**Location:** Reno, Nevada  
**Head Coach:** Gary Powers (Nevada '71)  
**Record at School:** 522-386-4 (17)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Stan Stoltz, Gary McNamara, Ryan Walters, Jay Hackstaff  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 775-784-6900, ext. 252  
**Conference:** Big West  
**Last Year's Finish:** 21-9/2nd  
**1999 Record:** 38-20  
**Baseball SID:** Zen Mocarski  
**SID Phone:** 775-784-6900 ext. 244  
**SID Fax:** 775-784-4386  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.nevadawolfpack.com  
**Field/Capacity:** Peccole Park (1,800)  
**Dimensions:** 340, 383, 401, 383, 340  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 16/13    **Starters:** 5/4    **Pitchers:** 9/6

### LOUISVILLE • MARCH 4

**Location:** Louisville, Kentucky  
**Head Coach:** Lelo Prado (Tampa '85)  
**Record at School:** 109-111 (4)      **Record Overall:** 387-235-1 (11)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Brian Mundorf, Al Lopez  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 502-852-0103  
**Conference:** Conference USA  
**Last Year's Finish:** 14-13/6th  
**1999 Record:** 37-19  
**Baseball SID:** Sean Moth  
**SID Phone:** 502-852-2159  
**SID Fax:** 502-852-7401  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.uoflsports.com/  
**Field/Capacity:** Cardinal Stadium (33,000)  
**Dimensions:** 360, 405, 315  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 21/6    **Starters:** 5/4    **Pitchers:** 9/2

### WASHINGTON • FEBRUARY 20

**Location:** Seattle, Washington  
**Head Coach:** Ken Knutson (Washington '81)  
**Record at School:** 259-155 (7)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Joe Ross, Ed Gustafson, Joe Weis  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 206-543-9365  
**Conference:** Pacific-10  
**Last Year's Finish:** 12-12/tie-5th  
**1999 Record:** 33-23  
**Baseball SID:** Jeff Bechthold  
**SID Phone:** 206-543-2230  
**SID Fax:** 206-543-5000  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.gohuskies.com  
**Field/Capacity:** Husky Ballpark (2,000)  
**Dimensions:** 327, 365, 395, 365, 317  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 17/13    **Starters:** 4/5    **Pitchers:** 2/2

### KENT STATE • MARCH 5

**Location:** Kent, Ohio  
**Head Coach:** Rick Rembielak (Akron '88)  
**Record at School:** 192-136-1 (7)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Greg Beals and Mike Birkbeck  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 330-672-3696  
**Conference:** Mid-American  
**Last Year's Finish:** 3rd (East)  
**1999 Record:** 33-25  
**Baseball SID:** Heather Brocious  
**SID Phone:** 330-672-2110  
**SID Fax:** 330-672-2112  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.kent.edu/athletics  
**Field/Capacity:** Gene Michael Field (2,000)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 400, 330  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 18/6    **Starters:** 5/3    **Pitchers:** 7/3



## Non-Conference Opponents

### BETHUNE-COOKMAN • MARCH 9 AND MARCH 14

**Location:** Daytona Beach, Florida  
**Head Coach:** Mervyl Malendez (Bethune Cookman '96)  
**Record at School:** First Year      **Record Overall:** First Year  
**Assistant Coach:** Willie Brown  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 904-255-1401 ext. 349  
**Conference:** Mid-Eastern Athletic  
**Last Year's Finish:** 13-5/1st  
**1999 Record:** 27-29  
**Baseball SID:** Anton Thomas  
**SID Phone:** 904-258-7621  
**SID Fax:** 904-253-4231  
**Athletics Web Site:** [www.bethune.cookman.edu/athletics/athletics.html](http://www.bethune.cookman.edu/athletics/athletics.html)  
**Field/Capacity:** Jackie Robinson Ballpark (4,800)  
**Dimensions:** 315, 400, 325  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 15/5   **Starters:** 4/4   **Pitchers:** 4/1

### SIMPSON • MARCH 21

**Location:** Indianola, Iowa  
**Head Coach:** John Sirianni (Iowa State '72)  
**Record at School:** 357-186-1 (15)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Mike Stover, Joe Blake, Rob Olsen, Bill Pendgraft  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 515-961-1620  
**Conference:** Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic (NCAA III)  
**Last Year's Finish:** 16-4/2nd  
**1999 Record:** 32-14  
**Baseball SID:** Matt Turk  
**SID Phone:** 515-961-1577  
**SID Fax:** 515-961-1279  
**Athletics Web Site:** [www.simpson.edu](http://www.simpson.edu)  
**Field/Capacity:** McBride Field (500)  
**Dimensions:** n/a  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 17/10   **Starters:** 6/3   **Pitchers:** 2/3

### ST. JOSEPH'S • MARCH 10

**Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**Head Coach:** Jim Ertel (Temple '71)  
**Record at School:** 56-94-3 (3)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Ken Krsolovic and Jack Stanczak  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 610-660-1718  
**Conference:** Atlantic-10  
**Last Year's Finish:** 6th/East  
**1999 Record:** 21-33-1  
**Baseball SID:** Phil Denne  
**SID Phone:** 610-660-1738  
**SID Fax:** 610-660-1724  
**Athletics Web Site:** [www.sjuhawks.com](http://www.sjuhawks.com)  
**Field/Capacity:** Elmwood Park (Latshaw/McCarthy Field) (1,000)  
**Dimensions:** 328, 393, 328  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 21/8   **Starters:** 8/1   **Pitchers:** 9/4

### MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY-MANKATO • MARCH 22

**Location:** Mankato, Minnesota  
**Head Coach:** Dean Bowyer  
**Record at School:** 683-332-7 (22)      **Record Overall:** 757-383-7 (26)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Jame Holt  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 507-389-2689  
**Conference:** North Central (NCAA II)  
**Last Year's Finish:** 17-3/1st  
**1999 Record:** 33-13-1  
**Baseball SID:** Paul Allan  
**SID Phone:** 507-389-2625  
**SID Fax:** 507-389-1923  
**Athletics Web Site:** [www.mankato.msus.edu/dept/athletics](http://www.mankato.msus.edu/dept/athletics)  
**Field/Capacity:** MSU Baseball Complex (500)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 370, 330  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 9/9   **Starters:** 6/3   **Pitchers:** 3/5

### FORDHAM • MARCH 11 AND 13

**Location:** Bronx, New York  
**Head Coach:** Dan Gallagher  
**Record at School:** 420-321-8      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** John Ceprini, Nick Restaino, Tony Mellaci & Jason George  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 718-817-4290  
**Conference:** Atlantic-10  
**Last Year's Finish:** 3rd (East)  
**1999 Record:** 22-28  
**Baseball SID:** Joe DiBari  
**SID Phone:** 718-817-4240  
**SID Fax:** 718-817-4244  
**Athletics Web Site:** [www.fordham.edu](http://www.fordham.edu)  
**Field/Capacity:** Jack Coffey Field (500)  
**Dimensions:** 320, 400, 320  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 15/5   **Starters:** 5/4   **Pitchers:** 7/2

### WESTERN ILLINOIS • MARCH 28 AND APRIL 11

**Location:** Macomb, Illinois  
**Head Coach:** Kim Johnson (William Penn '80)  
**Record at School:** 14-35 (1)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Harry Torgerson, Dean Pittmar, Dan Duffy  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 309-298-1521  
**Conference:** Mid-Continent  
**Last Year's Finish:** 9-9/3rd  
**1999 Record:** 14-35  
**Baseball SID:** Scot Latek  
**SID Phone:** 309-298-1133  
**SID Fax:** 309-298-2060 or 309-298-3366  
**Athletics Web Site:** <http://www.wiu.edu/users/miath>  
**Field/Capacity:** Vince Grady Field (1,200)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 372, 400, 372, 330  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 10/8   **Starters:** 4/4   **Pitchers:** 3/4

### PENNSYLVANIA • MARCH 12

**Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**Head Coach:** Bob Seddon (Springfield '56)  
**Record at School:** 532-458-11 (29)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Bill Wagner, Dan Young, Rich Greeney  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 215-898-6282  
**Conference:** Ivy League  
**Last Year's Finish:** 6-14/4th in the Gehrig Division  
**1999 Record:** 9-28  
**Baseball SID:** Stephen Haug  
**SID Phone:** 215-898-1748  
**SID Fax:** 215-898-1747  
**Athletics Web Site:** [www.pennathletics.com](http://www.pennathletics.com)  
**Field/Capacity:** The Penn Baseball Stadium at Murphy Field (n/a)  
**Dimensions:** n/a  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 18/4   **Starters:** 9/1   **Pitchers:** 8/2

### ST. AMBROSE • APRIL 4

**Location:** Davenport, Iowa  
**Head Coach:** Jim Callahan  
**Record at School:** 141-72 (4)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Tony Huntley, Blake Hanna  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 319-333-6237  
**Conference:** Midwest Classic Conference (NAIA)  
**Last Year's Finish:** 15-4/2nd  
**1999 Record:** 38-17  
**Baseball SID:** Tony Huntley  
**SID Phone:** 319-333-6237  
**SID Fax:** 319-333-6239  
**Athletics Web Site:** [www.sau.edu](http://www.sau.edu)  
**Field/Capacity:** John O'Donnell Stadium (9,000) and Assumption High (1,200)  
**Dimensions:** 340, 375, 390, 375, 340 and 310, 365, 415, 300, 275  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 6/7   **Starters:** 4/5   **Pitchers:** 8/2



## Non-Conference Opponents

### IOWA • APRIL 12 AND APRIL 26

**Location:** Iowa City, Iowa  
**Head Coach:** Scott Broghamer (Luther '79)  
**Record at School:** 41-61 (2)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Elvis Dominguez and Travis Wycoff  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 319-335-9389  
**Conference:** Big Ten  
**Last Year's Finish:** 10th  
**1999 Record:** 22-34  
**Baseball SID:** Kristy Fick  
**SID Phone:** 319-335-9411  
**SID Fax:** 319-335-9417  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.hawkeyesports.com  
**Field/Capacity:** Iowa Field (3,000)  
**Dimensions:** n/a  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 13/12   **Starters:** 1/4   **Pitchers:** 4/9

### ROCKHURST • MAY 12 AND MAY 13

**Location:** Kansas City, Missouri  
**Head Coach:** Gary Burns  
**Record at School:** 209-111 (6)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coaches:** Larry Burns and Mitch Nelson  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 816-501-4130  
**Conference:** None  
**Last Year's Finish:** n/a  
**1999 Record:** 36-18  
**Baseball SID:** Bobby O'Connor  
**SID Phone:** 816-501-4850  
**SID Fax:** 816-501-4119  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.rockhurst.edu  
**Field/Capacity:** Hidden Valley (n/a)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 380, 330  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 7/6   **Starters:** 2/6   **Pitchers:** 7/1

### WINONA STATE • APRIL 18

**Location:** Winona, Minnesota  
**Head Coach:** Gary Grob  
**Record at School:** 911-521-10 (33)      **Record Overall:** Same  
**Assistant Coach:** Kyle Poock  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 507-457-5206  
**Conference:** Northern Sun Intercollegiate (NCAA II)  
**Last Year's Finish:** 15-6/2nd  
**1999 Record:** 34-17-1  
**Baseball SID:** Michael Herzberg  
**SID Phone:** 507-457-5576  
**SID Fax:** 507-457-5479  
**Athletics Web Site:** phil.winona.msus.edu/wsusportsinfo  
**Field/Capacity:** Loughrey Field (2,000)  
**Dimensions:** n/a  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** n/a   **Starters:** 6/3   **Pitchers:** 5/1

### IOWA STATE • APRIL 19 AND APRIL 25

**Location:** Ames, Iowa  
**Head Coach:** Lyle Smith (Wayne State (Neb.) '78)  
**Record at School:** 81-125 (4)      **Record Overall:** 169-172 (7)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Jim Murphy, Tony Trumm, Ryan McGuire  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 515-294-4201  
**Conference:** Big 12  
**Last Year's Finish:** 2-28/11th  
**1999 Record:** 17-36  
**Baseball SID:** Mike Green  
**SID Phone:** 515-294-1393  
**SID Fax:** 515-294-0558  
**Athletics Web Site:** www.cyclones.com  
**Field/Capacity:** Cap Timm Field (3,000)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 375, 400, 375, 330  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 12/9   **Starters:** 5/4   **Pitchers:** 8/7

### NEBRASKA • MAY 9

**Location:** Lincoln, Nebraska  
**Head Coach:** Dave Van Horn (Arkansas '88)  
**Record at School:** 66-38 (2)      **Record Overall:** 437-186 (11)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Mike Anderson, Rob Childress  
**Baseball Coaches Office Phone:** 402-472-2269  
**Conference:** Big 12  
**Last Year's Finish:** 16-9/5th  
**1999 Record:** 42-18  
**Baseball SID:** Aaron Babcock  
**SID Phone:** 402-472-2263  
**SID Fax:** 402-472-2005  
**Athletics Web Site:** huskerwebcast.com  
**Field/Capacity:** Buck Beltzer Stadium (1,500)  
**Dimensions:** 330, 375, 400, 375, 330  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 17/9   **Starters:** 6/4   **Pitchers:** 3/1

### COLLEGIATE BASEBALL CONFERENCE RANKINGS

The Jan. 7 edition of *Collegiate Baseball* ranked the Division I baseball conferences. The Missouri Valley placed fifth, ahead of premier conferences such as the Pac-10, Big 10, Conference USA and the Western Athletic. Six of the nine MVC teams were ranked in the top 55, and all nine teams were in the top 128 of more than 270 schools nationwide.

Rank	Conference	1999 Champion(s)
1.	Southeastern	South Carolina/Arkansas
2.	Atlantic Coast	Florida State
3.	Colonial	Richmond
4.	Big 12	Texas A&M
5.	Missouri Valley	Wichita State
6.	Pacific-10	Stanford
7.	Conference USA	Houston
8.	Big Ten	Ohio State
9.	Big East	Notre Dame
10.	Sun Belt	South Alabama
11.	Western Athletic	Rice
12.	Big West	Cal State-Fullerton
13.	Big South	Coastal Carolina
14.	Trans America	Florida Atlantic
15.	Southland	Louisiana-Monroe
16.	West Coast	Pepperdine/Loyola Marymount
17.	Independents	Miami (Fla.)
18.	America East	Towson State
19.	Atlantic 10	Massachusetts/Virginia Tech
20.	Mountain West	First Year
21.	Mid-American	Bowling Green/Ball State
22.	Southern	The Citadel
23.	Metro Atlantic	Siena/Iona
24.	Ohio Valley	Eastern Illinois
25.	Ivy League	Princeton/Harvard
26.	Northeast	Monmouth/Farleigh Dickinson
27.	Midwestern	Butler
28.	Mid-Continent	Oral Roberts
29.	Southwestern	Jackson State/Southern
30.	Patriot	Bucknell
31.	Mid-Eastern	Delaware State/Bethune Cookman



# RECORDS VS. OPPONENTS (SINCE 1906)

Alumni All-Stars	3-1	Indiana	1-0	Oklahoma State	1-11
Air Force	1-7	<i>Indiana State</i>	<i>12-19</i>	Old Dominion	0-2
Arkansas	0-5	<i>Iowa</i>	<i>17-46</i>	Oral Roberts	0-1
Arkansas State	2-6	<i>Iowa State</i>	<i>41-87-1</i>	Ottumwa Pre-Flight	1-1
Army	1-2	Iowa Wesleyan	6-1	Parsons	2-0
Augsburg	3-0	Kansas	2-8	Plymouth	1-0
Augustana-Sioux Falls	33-10	Kansas State	3-5	Quincy	5-1
Aurora	0-1	<i>Kent State</i>	<i>1-0</i>	Rhode Island J.C.	1-0
Austin Peay	0-2	Key West All-Stars	2-0	<i>St. Ambrose</i>	<i>14-2</i>
Bowling Green State	1-0	Knox	1-0	St. Andrews	1-0
<b>Bradley</b>	<b>14-20</b>	Kutztown State	1-0	<i>St. Joseph's</i>	<i>4-2</i>
Briar Cliff	13-7	Lake Forest	2-0	St. Lawrence	0-1
Bucknell	0-1	Leander Clark	1-0	St. Louis	3-2
Cal State-Northridge	1-0	Lehigh	1-0	St. Mary's (California)	2-1
Carleton	8-1	Lenox	1-0	St. Olaf	1-2
Central	16-2	Liberty	1-0	St. Xavier	2-3
Central Arkansas	1-0	Lincoln (Mo.)	7-0	Sam Houston State	1-8
Central Connecticut	1-0	Lincoln Memorial	0-1	Samford	0-2
Central Methodist	2-0	Long Island-Brooklyn	1-0	School of the Ozarks	1-0
Central Michigan	0-4	Loras	15-5	<b>Simpson</b>	<b>16-4</b>
Central Missouri State	2-5	Louisiana Tech	0-2	South Alabama	0-3
Charles City	2-0	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>1-1</b>	South Dakota	37-4
Chicago State	3-2	Luther	29-30	South Dakota State	24-22
Clarke	3-1	Marist	0-1	Southeast Missouri State	4-3
Coe	23-18-1	Memphis State	0-4	Southern Colorado	0-1
Colgate	1-0	Miami (Florida)	0-2	<b>Southern Illinois</b>	<b>8-18</b>
Columbia	1-0	Miami (Ohio)	0-4	Southern Utah	2-0
Connecticut	1-0	Michigan	1-3	Southwest Baptist	1-0
Cornell (Iowa)	3-6	Michigan State	4-2	<b>Southwest Missouri State</b>	<b>7-49</b>
<b>Creighton</b>	<b>9-32</b>	Middle Tennessee State	0-1	Tennessee-Martin	8-5
Dartmouth	3-0	Millersville	0-1	Texas A&M	0-2
Delaware Valley	0-1	Milligan	0-1	Texas-Pan American	0-13
Drake	35-13	Minnesota	6-38	Texas Wesleyan	0-1
Drew	1-0	Minnesota-Morris	0-1	Toledo	0-2
Dubuque	18-10	<b>Minnesota State-Mankato</b>	<b>8-21</b>	Troy State	1-2
Dubuque Germans	2-1	Missouri	2-11	Truman State (Mo.)	3-1
Dubuque Irish	2-0	Missouri-Rolla	1-0	Tulsa	0-4
Duquesne	2-0	Missouri-St. Louis	0-2	Upper Iowa	32-23-2
East Tennessee State	0-1	Missouri Southern	0-1	Vermont	0-2
Eastern Illinois	6-23	Missouri Valley	1-0	Wartburg	78-37-1
Eastern Michigan	1-3	Missouri Western	2-0	Washburn	0-1
Ellsworth	20-2-2	Monmouth	2-0	Washington (Missouri)	2-1
Evangel	2-1-1	Morningside	43-23-1	Waterloo Hawks	1-1
<b>Evansville</b>	<b>12-9</b>	Mt. Mercy	20-5	Waterloo League	0-1
Florida International	1-1	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>2-17</b>	Wayne State	3-3
Florida State	0-6	Nebraska-Omaha	7-6	<b>Western Illinois</b>	<b>20-35</b>
<b>Fordham</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>Nevada</b>	<b>0-1</b>	Western Kentucky	1-1
Ft. Hays State	1-0	North Carolina	1-2	Western Michigan	3-10
Georgetown (Kentucky)	1-0	North Central	0-1	Westmar	2-0
Goshen	3-0	<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>23-8</b>	<b>Wichita State</b>	<b>3-25</b>
Grand Canyon	0-1	North Dakota State	25-12	William Penn	5-2
Grand View	11-17	Northeastern Illinois	0-3	<b>Winona State</b>	<b>4-8</b>
Grinnell	0-2	Northern Colorado	0-1	Wisconsin-La Crosse	12-7
Gustavus Adolphus	1-0	Northern State	2-0	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	10-5
Harvard	2-0	Northwest Missouri State	3-3	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	2-3
Highland Park	2-4	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>0-8</b>	Wisconsin-Platteville	6-3
Illinois Benedictine	1-0	Northern Illinois	14-15	Wisconsin-River Falls	2-1
Illinois-Chicago	3-2	Notre Dame	0-2	Wisconsin St. Normal	2-0
Illinois College	3-2	Ohio State	1-1	<b>Wright State</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Illinois-State</b>	<b>20-20-1</b>	Oklahoma	0-3	Total vs. all opponents since 1906: 958-1,004-10	

All-time Record: 980-1,026-10



# YEAR-BY-YEAR IN DIVISION I

## Year-By-Year Team Pitching Totals

Year	W-L	ERA	GP	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	BK	HP	WP
1999	28-26	6.82	54	6	0	13	445	601	407	337	224	317	59	3	56	38
1998	26-30	6.27	56	2	1	11	463.1	551	367	323	211	378	61	0	47	49
1997	32-23	5.52	55	16	1	7	460	515	320	282	221	440	58	1	49	47
1996	26-32	6.59	58	9	2	7	457.1	557	403	335	287	353	30	8	54	56
1995	28-27	5.13	55	14	6	10	456	491	309	260	218	317	41	5	42	44
1994	24-32	5.74	56	13	2	3	459.1	583	386	293	235	348	50	6	40	55
1993	12-39	6.79	51	7	0	3	393.2	515	363	297	214	218	51	3	38	27
1992	22-34	8.22	56	11	1	7	418.1	569	457	382	284	256	49	10	45	60
1991	12-44	7.90	56	15	2	3	413.1	571	467	363	287	239	56	2	52	50
1990	20-39	7.72	59	24	1	4	424.1	591	450	364	264	221	64	2	27	30
1989	13-37	7.87	50	16	3	3	339.2	461	368	297	244	212	49	3	28	38
1988	11-43	10.96	54	5	0	6	364.2	605	601	444	355	200	70	12	37	72
1987	26-21*	6.79	43	11		6	285	346	280	215	211	250	45		8	15
1986	25-18-1*	9.41	42	9		4	264	409	353	276	191	213	68	5	18	33
1985	15-32*	9.37	45	14		1	287.0	487	390	299	172	162	62	2	16	34
1984	12-18	6.69	30	7		5	204.1	272	202	152	119	84	28		2	5
1983	7-15	6.55	22	9		1	144.1	164	136	105	80	59	32		6	11
1982	11-16	6.39	27	12		2	181.2	231	172	129	103	142	22	2	8	16
1981	26-10	4.72	36			6	240.1	255	165	126	120	141		3	8	11

## Year-By-Year Team Hitting Statistics

Year	W-L	GP	BA	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	TB	SLG%	BB	SO	SAC	SB/SBA
1999	28-26	54	.313	1877	384	587	349	121	10	58	902	.481	181	350	36	36/53
1998	26-30	56	.285	1819	310	518	286	110	4	38	750	.412	177	371	57	71/95
1997	32-23	55	.283	1839	345	520	308	99	10	64	831	.452	188	413	36	50/75
1996	26-32	58	.279	1811	363	505	316	98	20	25	718	.396	261	356	36	42/65
1995	28-27	55	.259	1782	329	461	284	103	21	30	696	.391	234	354	43	48/70
1994	24-32	56	.283	1867	361	529	303	95	14	28	736	.394	255	356		54/79
1993	12-39	51	.251	1541	189	387	167	74	7	20	535	.347	174	291	27	51/71
1992	22-34	56	.273	1682	343	459	285	96	7	33	668	.397	233	290	41	70/103
1991	12-44	56	.259	1612	229	417	193	62	5	28	573	.355	193	301	44	47/64
1990	20-39	59	.275	1758	283	484	247	82	17	34	702	.399	228	299	30	34/53
1989	13-37	50	.258	1424	223	367	194	67	9	21	515	.362	186	261	21	48/63
1988	11-43	54	.274	1521	279	417	240	69	9	39	621	.408	201	356	22	67/83
1987	26-21*	43	.354	1166	293	413	283	81	10	46	652	.559	206	203	26	151/180
1986	23-18-1*	42	.363	1140	366	414	323	73	11	68	713	.625	212	162		137/170
1985	15-32*	45	.281	1193	243	335	204	63	7	47	553	.464	145	208		96/129
1984	12-18	30	.280	813	155	228	135	40	5	22	344	.423	100	135	21	30
1983	7-15	22	.254	571	101	145	88	23	6	18	234	.410	82	90	14	38
1982	11-16	27	.257	720	141	185	115	35	5	21	299	.415	115	115	16	19
1981	26-10	36	.306	923	253	282	223	57	3	26	423	.458				

\*1985 and 1986 records include two forfeit victories, and 1987 includes four forfeit victories.

## UNI Team Records

### SEASON

Wins: 32 (1997)  
 Games Played, Season: 59 (1990)  
 Batting Average: .363 (1986)  
 At-Bats: 1877 (1999)  
 Runs: 384 (1999)  
 Hits: 587 (1999)  
 Runs Batted In: 349 (1999)  
 Doubles: 121 (1999)  
 Triples: 21 (1995)  
 Home Runs: 68 (1986)  
 Total Bases: 902 (1999)  
 Slugging Percentage: .625 (1986)  
 Base on Balls: 261 (1996)  
 Stolen Bases: 151 (1987)

Earned Run Average: 1.75 (1950)  
 Complete Games: 24 (1990)  
 Saves: 13 (1999)  
 Innings Pitched: 463.1 (1998)  
 Strikeouts: 440 (1997)  
 Batters Hit by UNI: 56 (1999)  
 Wild Pitches: 72 (1988)

### MISCELLANEOUS

Consecutive Wins: 13 (1947-48)  
 Consecutive Losses: 16 (1990-91)

### GAME

Longest Game: 19 innings vs. Minnesota (1949)  
 At Bats: 61 vs. Northern Illinois (1964)  
 Doubles: 10 vs. St. Mary's (2/20/97)  
 Triples: 5 vs. Lehigh (3/11/99)  
 Home Runs: 6, Three times, last vs. Dubuque (3/31/86)  
 Runs Batted In: 22, vs. Coe (4/8/69)  
 Total Bases: 42 vs. North Dakota (5/16/64)  
 Stolen Bases: 16 vs. Wartburg (4/6/87)  
 Base on Balls: 14 vs. Mt. Mercy (4/23/86)  
 Runs Scored: 28 vs. Colgate (1994)  
 Runs Allowed: 33 vs. Oklahoma (1989)  
 Two Teams Combined Runs: 44 vs. Mt. Mercy (1985)  
 Base on Balls Allowed: 14, Twice, last vs. Missouri (2/28/91)  
 Strikeouts: 21 vs. Morningside (5/16/58)  
 UNI Errors: 9 vs. Briar Cliff (5/3/80)  
 Hits Allowed: 25 vs. Northern Illinois (1967)



# CAREER RECORDS

## CAREER BATTING RECORDS

### Games Played

206	Tom Bach (1990-93)
205	Todd Rima (1995-98)
202	Kevin Sawatzky (1994-97)

### Batting Average (min. 100 at bats)

.410	Eric Snider (1986-87)
.404	Rick Kriz (1968-69)
<b>.400</b>	<b>Ben Fjelland (1999)</b>

### Official At Bats

749	Todd Rima (1995-98)
650	Tom Bach (1990-93)
634	Brian Jergenson (1994-97)

### Hits

218	Todd Rima (1995-98)
208	Brian Jergenson (1994-97)
191	Tom Bach (1990-93)

### Runs Scored

150	Todd Rima (1995-98)
134	Kevin Sawatzky (1994-97)
116	Brian Jergenson (1994-97)

### Runs Batted In

153	Todd Barkalow (1983-86)
146	Brian Jergenson (1994-97)
118	Kevin Sawatzky (1994-97)

### Doubles

57	Todd Rima (1995-98)
38	Tom Bach (1990-93)
36	Tom Owen (1992-95)

### Triples

11	Tom Owen (1992-95)
10	Tim Hackenmiller (1970-73)
8	Andy Rocksvold (1995-96)
8	Kevin Sawatzky (1994-97)

### Home Runs

41	Todd Barkalow (1983-86)
28	Brian Jergenson (1994-97)
22	Kevin Sawatzky (1994-97)
22	Scott Schmelzer (1985-86)

### Total Bases

329	Brian Jergenson (1994-97)
312	Todd Barkalow (1983-86)
309	Todd Rima (1995-98)

### Base on Balls

98	Kevin Sawatzky (1994-97)
94	Mike Morony (1988-91)
90	Tom Bach (1990-93)

### Strikeouts

211	Kevin Sawatzky (1994-97)
132	Mark Lumpa (1988-90)
125	Brian Kegler (1996-98)

### Hit by Pitch

30	Kevin Sawatzky (1994-97)
14	Tim Lincoln (1978-80)
14	Mark Pasqualini (1992-95)
14	Marty Schilmoeller (1991-92)

### Combined Sacrifices (SF and SAC)

18	Mark Pasqualini (1992-95)
17	Keven Saunders (1992-95)
14	P. J. Conlon (1989-92)

### Stolen Bases

65	Eric Snider (1986-87)
46	Tovey Goynes (1987-88)
40	Scott Schmelzer (1985-86)

## CAREER PITCHING RECORDS

### Wins

19	Doug Darnell (1967-69)
18	Jeff Johannsen (1993-96)
17	Scott Palmer (1979-82)

### Losses

25	Mike Irvine (1992-95)
22	Steve Beard (1993-97)
17	Mike Brandmeyer (1987-89)

### Saves

<b>10</b>	<b>Matt Cobb (1996-97, 99-Pr.)</b>
10	Scott Hoey (1995-98)
7	Bryan Duncan (1993-95)
<b>6</b>	<b>Luke Sabers (1997-99)</b>
6	Scott Brickman (1995-98)

### Innings Pitched

298.1	Steve Beard (1993-95, 97)
256.2	Jeff Johannsen (1992-96)
230.0	Mike Irvine (1992-95)

### ERA (min. 49 innings)

0.96	Dan Dahlke (1950)
1.17	Tom Simpson (1963-65)
1.97	Frank Huston (1965-66)

### Appearances

57	Dave Freeseaman (1991-94)
52	Steve Beard (1993-97)
50	Mike Irvine (1992-95)
49	Scott Hoey (1995-98)
49	Jeff Johannsen (1992-96)

### Games Started

43	Steve Beard (1993-95, 97)
40	Mike Irvine (1992-95)
38	Jeff Johannsen (1992-96)

### Complete Games

14	Jeff Johannsen (1992-96)
14	Darrell Bunge (1960-62)
13	Steve Beard (1993-97)

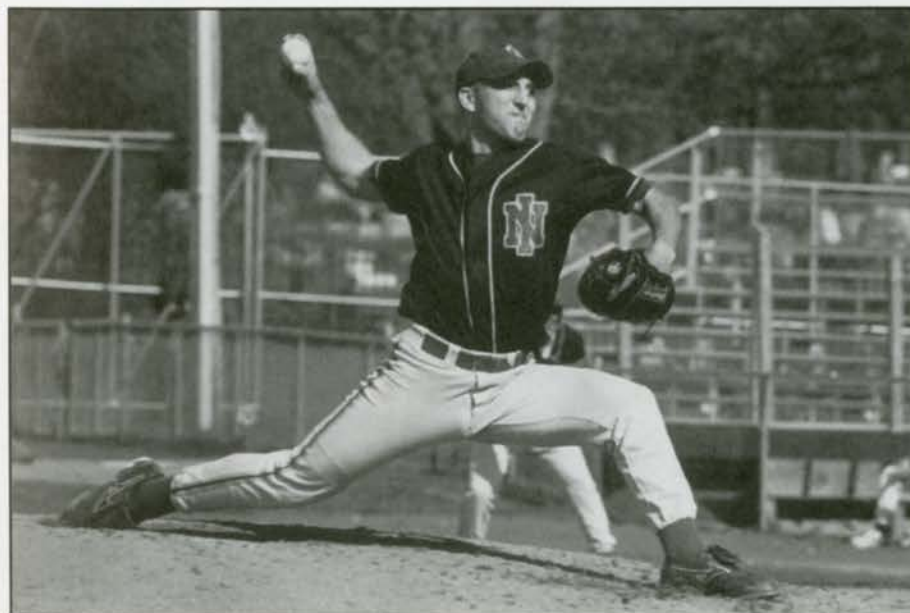
### Strikeouts

247	Steve Beard (1993-95, 97)
241	Jeff Johannsen (1992-96)
213	Scott Sobkowiak (1996-98)

### Batters Hit By Pitch

32	Mike Irvine (1992-95)
26	Kevin Briggeman (1995-98)
24	Scott Sobkowiak (1995-98)

Matt Cobb had 10 saves to set the UNI single-season record and tie Scott Hoey's career-mark last season.





# INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

## HITTING

### Games Played

58	Tom Bach (1990)
56	Tom Hunter (1996)
56	Mike Morony (1991)
56	P. J. Conlon (1991)
56	John Pratt (1990)

### Batting Average (min. 2 AB/Game)

.500	Todd Barkalow (1986)
.468	Tim Weber (1977)
.458	Jim Blythe (1977)
.444	Terry Notton (1979)
.436	Frank Sovich (1957)

### Official At Bats

220	<b>Ben Fjelland (1999)</b>
218	<b>Ryan Brunner (1999)</b>
214	Todd Rima (1997)
213	John Pratt (1990)
206	Todd Rima (1998)
205	<b>Jesse Zimmer (1999)</b>

### Hits

88	<b>Ben Fjelland (1999)</b>
80	John Pratt (1990)
76	Tom Owen (1995)
73	Brian Jergenson (1997)
72	<b>Ryan Brunner (1999)</b>
72	Monty Muller (1994)

### Runs Scored

56	Tom Owen (1995)
49	<b>Ben Fjelland (1999)</b>
49	<b>Scott Schirmer (1999)</b>
49	Eric Snider (1986)
48	Todd Rima (1998)
47	Todd Rima (1996)
46	Todd Barkalow (1986)

### Runs Batted In

66	Brian Jergenson (1997)
63	Todd Barkalow (1986)
61	<b>Jesse Zimmer (1999)</b>
53	Tom Owen (1995)
52	<b>Ryan Brunner (1999)</b>
47	Scott Schmelzer (1986)

### Doubles

23	Tom Owen (1995)
20	<b>Ben Fjelland (1999)</b>
19	<b>Ryan Brunner (1999)</b>
18	Todd Rima (1996)
18	Todd Rima (1998)

### Triples

6	Tom Owen (1995)
6	Jerry Holbrook (1962)

5	Gabe Wyckoff (1996)
5	Andy Rocksvold (1995)
5	Kevin Sawatzky (1994)
5	John Pratt (1990)
5	Rick Kriz (1968)

### Home Runs

16	<b>Jesse Zimmer (1999)</b>
16	Todd Barkalow (1986)
15	Todd Barkalow (1985)
14	Brian Jergenson (1997)
13	Kevin Sawatzky (1997)
12	<b>Ryan Brunner (1999)</b>

### Total Bases

141	Tom Owen (1995)
133	John Pratt (1990)
131	<b>Ben Fjelland (1999)</b>
129	<b>Ryan Brunner (1999)</b>
129	Brian Jergenson (1997)
120	Todd Barkalow (1986)
105	Todd Rima (1998)

### Bases on Balls

40	Tom Bach (1990)
37	Tom Owen (1995)
32	Gabe Wyckoff (1996)
31	Kevin Sawatzky (1997)
31	Tovey Goynes (1987)
31	Todd Barkalow (1986)

### Strikeouts

65	Kevin Sawatzky (1997)
56	Tom Hunter (1996)
55	Mark Lumpa (1988)
51	Kevin Sawatzky (1995)
51	Brian Kegler (1997)

### Hit by Pitch

14	Kevin Sawatzky (1996)
10	Randy Riffle (1998)
10	Tim Lincoln (1980)
9	Marty Schilmoeller (1992)
8	<b>Ben Fjelland (1999)</b>
8	Kevin Sawatzky (1995)

### Combined Sacrifices

10	Ryan Jacobs (1998)
8	Kevin Saunders (1993)
8	Dan Wirtz (1988)
8	Phil Johnson (1966)

### Stolen Bases

33	Eric Snider (1987)
32	Eric Snider (1986)
27	Randy Riffle (1998)
27	Tovey Goynes (1987)
21	Scott Schmelzer (1985)
21	Gary Anderson (1964)

## Caught Stealing

8	Tom Potts (1985)
7	Randy Riffle (1998)
7	Gabe Wyckoff (1996)
7	Mark Pasqualini (1992)
7	John Pratt (1990)
7	Scott Schmelzer (1986)

## PITCHING

### Wins

9	Jeff Johannsen (1996)
8	Doug Darnell (1968)
8	David Parra (1997)
7	Chad Rezac (1992)
7	Chuck Burns (1970)
7	Doug Darnell (1969)
7	Darrell Bunge (1962)

### Decisions

13	Jeff Johannsen (1996)
13	David Parra (1997)
13	Chad Rezac (1992)
12	Steve Beard (1997)
12	Mike Irvine (1994)
12	Mike Irvine (1992)
12	Steve Dreyer (1990)
12	Scott Palmer (1981)

### Losses

9	John Thomas (1991)
8	Mike Irvine (1992)
8	Scott Kaul (1989)
7	Scott Sobkowiak (1996)
7	Mike Irvine (1994)
7	Derek Sandknop (1992)
7	Mike Brandmeyer (1991)
7	Scott Kaul (1990)
7	Jim Duthie (1990)
7	Steve Bair (1988)
7	Dave Rima (1985)
7	Scott Palmer (1981)

### Saves

10	<b>Matt Cobb (1999)</b>
8	Scott Hoey (1998)
7	Bryan Duncan (1995)
5	Mike Gerlach (1987)
4	Scott Brickman (1996)
4	Luke Sabers (1997)

### Innings Pitched

101.1	Jeff Johannsen (1996)
94.2	Steve Beard (1997)
89.0	Chad Rezac (1992)
87.1	Kevin Briggeman (1998)
87.0	Scott Sobkowiak (1997)



# INDIVIDUAL SEASON/GAME RECORDS

## Earned Run Average (1 inn. per game)

0.00	Frank Sturm (1950)
0.38	Tom Simpson (1963)
0.62	Chuck Burns (1970)
0.96	Frank Huston (1965)
0.96	Dan Dahlke (1950)



Luke Sabers

## Appearances

22	<b>Matt Cobb (1999)</b>
21	Scott Hoey (1998)
20	Luke Sabers (1998)
20	Scott Brickman (1996)
20	Dave Freeseaman (1991)
19	<b>Mike Egger (1999)</b>
19	Scott Sobkowiak (1996)
19	Bryan Duncan (1995)

## Games Started

16	Jeff Johannsen (1996)
14	Chad Rezac (1992)
13	Kevin Briggeman (1998)
13	Steve Beard (1997)
12	Six Times

## Complete Games

9	Darrell Bunge (1962)
7	Steve Beard (1997)
7	Steve Dreyer (1990)
7	Phil Johnson (1966)
7	Jeff Johannsen (1996)

## Strikeouts

94	Jeff Johannsen (1996)
94	Scott Sobkowiak (1997)
90	Steve Beard (1997)
90	Darrell Bunge (1962)
86	Doug Darnell (1968)

## Hit Batsmen

15	David Parra (1997)
14	Kevin Briggeman (1996)
13	Chad Rezac (1992)
11	Scott Sobkowiak (1997)
10	<b>Kirk Chamberlain (1999)</b>
10	Mike Brandmeyer (1991)

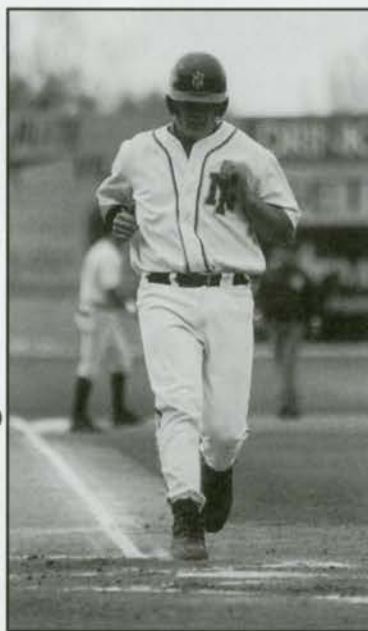
## Balks

5	Mike Irvine (1992)
4	Scott Childers (1988)
3	Brett Lagerblade (1995)
3	Scot Palmer (1981)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Consecutive Scoreless Innings

40.1	Tom Simpson (1963)
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Ryan Brunner



Kirk Chamberlain



Kevin Ciarrachi

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, GAME

### At-Bats

9	Krumm (1949)
8	Matt Paulsen vs. Bradley (5/1/94)
8	Tom Owen vs. Bradley (5/1/94)
8	Ron Jessen vs. Northern Illinois (1964)
8	Duane Josephson vs. Northern Illinois (1964)

### Runs

6	Ron Foell vs. Drake (4/30/68)
5	<b>Ben Fjelland vs. Northern State (2/24/99)</b>
5	Tom Potts vs. Mt. Mercy (4/17/85)

### Hits

6	Duane Josephson vs. North Dakota (5/16/64)
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### Runs Batted In

9	Ed Bland vs. (1928)
8	Kevin Sawatzky vs. Ohio State (2/23/97)
8	Brian Jergenson vs. Colgate (3/21/94)
8	Rick Kriz vs. Coe (4/8/69)
8	Jerry Holbrook vs. South Dakota (5/15/62)

### Doubles

3	<b>Jesse Zimmer vs. Iowa (4/7/99)</b>
3	Kevin Sawatzky vs. Southern Illinois (5/14/95)
3	Shawn Andrews vs. Lincoln (Mo.) (3/7/87)
3	Ron Foell vs. Drake (4/30/68)

### Triples

3	Kevin Sawatzky vs. Augsburg (3/2/94)
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### Home Runs

3	Tim Hackenmiller (1970)
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### Total Bases

14	Ron Foell vs. Drake (4/30/68)
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### Base on Balls

4	Kim Ruddick (3/27/80)
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### Strikeouts

4	Mark Lumpa (4/14/88)
4	Mark Lumpa (4/7/90)
4	Tom Steele (5/19/67)

### Stolen Bases

6	Tim Hackenmiller vs. Morningside (5/7/71)
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### Innings Pitched

13.0	Kent Folsom vs. Morningside (5/16/58)
12.0	Duane Usher vs. Augustana (5/15/71)
11.0	Darrell Bunge vs. North Dakota (5/18/62)

### Strikeouts

21	Kent Folsom vs. Morningside (5/16/58)
20	Duane Usher vs. Augustana (5/15/71)
16	Jeff Johannsen vs. Missouri Western (3/4/95)
15	Tom Simpson vs. North Dakota (5/18/63)
15	Darrell Bunge vs. Morningside (5/12/62)
15	Ed Watt vs. Morningside (5/6/61)

### Errors

6	Kevin Seichter vs. Briar Cliff (5/3/80)
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# YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS/COACHING HISTORY

Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach
1893	1-1 (.500)	Capt. Avery	1948	12-4 (.750)	L.W. Whitford
1894	1-2 (.333)	Capt. Avery	1949	9-5 (.643)	L.W. Whitford
1895	2-1 (.667)	J.E. Vance	1950	9-4 (.692)	L.W. Whitford
1896	1-1 (.500)	J.E. Vance	1951	5-8 (.385)	L.W. Whitford
1897	2-2 (.500)	J.E. Vance	1952	8-6 (.571)	L.W. Whitford
1898	2-1 (.667)	Trothe	1953	8-8 (.500)	L.W. Whitford
1899	3-2 (.600)	Sutherland	1954	6-6 (.500)	L.W. Whitford
1900	2-1 (.667)	No coach	1955	12-5 (.706)	L.W. Whitford
1901	4-3 (.571)	No coach	1956	9-7 (.563)	L.W. Whitford
1902	2-7 (.222)	Capt. Cotten	1957	3-10 (.231)	L.W. Whitford
1903	No baseball		1958	12-8 (.600)	L.W. Whitford
1904	No baseball		1959	11-3 (.786)	L.W. Whitford
1905	2-1 (.667)	R.B. Leland	1960	9-8 (.529)	L.W. Whitford
1906	1-7 (.125)	Charles Pell	1961	11-4 (.733)	L.W. Whitford
1907	4-2 (.667)	John Fitzgerald	1962	12-5 (.706)	L.W. Whitford
1908	2-5 (.286)	Roy Seymour	1963	14-4 (.778)	L.W. Whitford
1909	No baseball		1964	11-10 (.524)	L.W. Whitford
1910	No baseball		1965	10-4-1 (.700)	L.W. Whitford
1911	2-5-1 (.313)	Roy Seymour	1966	13-9 (.591)	J.D. Anderson
1912	5-6 (.455)	H.F. Pasini	1967	7-16 (.304)	J.D. Anderson
1913	4-3-1 (.563)	H.F. Pasini	1968	17-5 (.773)	J.D. Anderson
1914	4-4 (.500)	H.G. Lundeman	1969	15-6 (.714)	J.D. Anderson
1915	1-3 (.250)	Roy Seymour	1970	16-10 (.615)	J.D. Anderson
1916	6-4 (.600)	Roy Seymour	1971	15-10 (.600)	J.D. Anderson
1917	3-4 (.429)	Roy Seymour	1972	16-7-1 (.688)	J.D. Anderson
1918	4-3 (.571)	Van Oot	1973	17-16 (.515)	J.D. Anderson
1919	4-3 (.571)	A.D. Dickenson	1974	15-14 (.517)	J.D. Anderson
1920	3-3 (.500)	Abram James	1975	12-16 (.429)	J.D. Anderson
1921	3-3-1 (.500)	Abram James	1976	12-18 (.400)	J.D. Anderson
1922	4-5 (.444)	L.L. Mendenhall	1977	15-18 (.455)	J.D. Anderson
1923	6-1-1 (.813)	L.L. Mendenhall	1978	17-16 (.514)	J.D. Anderson
1924	6-0 (1.000)	Osborne Cowles	1979	11-17 (.393)	J.D. Anderson
1925	7-3 (.700)	Rosco Minton	1980	12-16 (.429)	J.D. Anderson
1926	6-4 (.600)	L.W. Whitford	1981	26-10 (.722)	J.D. Anderson
1927	6-4 (.600)	L.W. Whitford	1982	11-16 (.407)	J.D. Anderson
1928	11-1 (.917)	L.W. Whitford	1983	7-15 (.318)	J.D. Anderson
1929	9-4-1 (.679)	L.W. Whitford	1984	12-18 (.400)	J.D. Anderson
1930	10-2 (.833)	L.W. Whitford	1985	15-32* (.319)	Gary Swanson
1931	1-13 (.071)	L.W. Whitford	1986	25-18-1* (.580)	Gary Swanson
1932	6-6 (.500)	L.W. Whitford	1987	26-21* (.553)	Gary Swanson
1933	6-2 (.750)	L.W. Whitford	1988	11-43 (.204)	Gene Baker
1934	6-4 (.600)	L.W. Whitford	1989	13-37 (.260)	Gene Baker
1935	4-8 (.333)	L.W. Whitford	1990	20-39 (.339)	Gene Baker
1936	8-6 (.571)	L.W. Whitford	1991	12-44 (.214)	Dave Schrage
1937	9-4 (.692)	L.W. Whitford	1992	22-34 (.393)	Dave Schrage
1938	1-11 (.083)	L.W. Whitford	1993	12-39 (.235)	Dave Schrage
1939	9-7 (.563)	L.W. Whitford	1994	24-32 (.428)	Dave Schrage
1940	8-4-1 (.654)	L.W. Whitford	1995	28-27 (.509)	Dave Schrage
1941	10-7 (.588)	L.W. Whitford	1996	26-32 (.448)	Dave Schrage
1942	6-5-1 (.542)	L.W. Whitford	1997	32-23 (.582)	Dave Schrage
1943	No baseball		1998	26-30 (.464)	Dave Schrage
1944	No baseball		1999	28-26 (.519)	Dave Schrage
1945	No baseball				
1946	6-6 (.500)	L.W. Whitford			
1947	10-3 (.769)	L.W. Whitford			

**TOTAL** (100 seasons): 980-1,026-10 (.489)

\*1985 and 1986 records include two forfeit victories. 1987 record includes four forfeit victories.

## UNI's COACHING LEADERS

Coach	Record	Pct.	Yrs.
L.W. Whitford	303-210-4	.590	37
J.D. Anderson	266-253-1	.513	19
Dave Schrage	210-287	.423	9
Gary Swanson	66-77-1	.482	3
Gene Baker	44-119	.270	3
Roy Seymour	14-21-1	.403	5
L.L. Medenhall	10-6-1	.618	2
H.F. Pasini	9-9-1	.500	2
Osborne Cowles	6-0	1.000	1
No Coach	6-4	.600	2
Abram Jones	6-6-1	.500	1
J.E. Vance	5-4	.555	3
John Fitzgerald	4-2	.667	1
A.D. Dickinson	4-3	.571	1
Van Oot	4-3	.571	1
H.G. Lunderman	4-4	.500	1
Sutherland	3-2	.600	1
Trothe	2-1	.667	1
R.B. Leland	2-1	.667	1
Capt. Avery	2-3	.400	2
Capt. Cotten	2-7	.222	1
Charles Pell	1-7	.125	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>980-1,026-10</b>	<b>.489</b>	<b>100</b>



L.W. Whitford



J.D. Anderson



Dave Schrage





**Scott Sobkowiak (1996-98) P**  
1999 Myrtle Beach Pelicans (A)  
1998 Eugene Emeralds (A)

Scott Sobkowiak has emerged as the top pitching prospect in the legendary Atlanta Braves farm system. Sobkowiak won his final seven decisions to finish 9-4 with a 2.84 ERA in 27 games last year while striking out 161 batters in just 139 innings. He will start the 1999 season at Greenville (AA), but is expected to climb up the farm system ladder quickly. Three times last season he was named Carolina League Pitcher of the Week.



**Kevin Ciarrachi (1999) C**  
1999 Kingsport Mets  
Appalachian League (Rookie)

Kevin Ciarrachi went from a .154 hitter at Northwestern to a .308 hitter and 17th round draft pick in his one season at Northern Iowa. He was selected in the 17th round by the New York Mets and assigned to the Kingsport Mets in the Appalachian Baseball League. A shoulder injury limited Ciarrachi to just two games last season, but he is expected to be healthy this summer. Future Mets greats Dwight Gooden, Darryl Strawberry Butch Huskey and Kevin Mitchell all spent time in Kingsport at one time in their minor league careers.

## Northern Iowa Pipeline

A total of 19 former Northern Iowa baseball players have played or are currently playing professional baseball. At least one member of every UNI team since 1987 has played professionally.

Three played at the Major League level, including Steve Dreyer, Duane Josephson and Eddie Watt. Ten others played in the farm system of a major league team, including active players Scott Eibey, Brad Moore, Scott Sobkowiak and Kevin Ciarrachi.

**Mark Chambers** (1990), OF  
**Kevin Ciarrachi** (1999), C  
**Steve Dreyer** (1988-90), RHP  
**Scott Eibey** (1994-95), P  
**Craig Fritz** (1994-95), OF  
**Brad Hames** (1991-94), RHP  
**Mike Irvine** (1992-95), RHP  
**Brian Jergenson** (1994-97), 1B  
**Jeff Johannsen** (1993-96), LHP  
**Duane Josephson** (1962-64), C/1B  
**Brett Lagerblade** (1993-95), LHP  
**Brad Moore** (1997-98), RHP  
**Tom Owen** (1992-95), 3B  
**Matt Paulsen** (1994-95), C  
**John Pratt** (1988-89), OF  
**Chad Rezac** (1992-93), RHP  
**Todd Rima** (1995-98), 2B  
**Scott Sobkowiak** (1996-98), RHP  
**Eddie Watt** (1961), RHP

## Panthers in the Show ...



**Steve Dreyer (1988-90) P**  
1993-94 Texas Rangers

### MLB Career Statistics

W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	K
4-4	5.71	15	9	0	58.1	67	28	34



**Duane Josephson (1962-64) C/1B**  
1965-72 Chicago White Sox;  
Boston Red Sox

### MLB Career Statistics

G	Avg.	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
470	.258	1505	147	388	164	92	174



**Eddie Watt (1961) P**  
1966-73 Baltimore, 1974  
Philadelphia, 1975 Chicago Cubs

### MLB Career Statistics

W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	CG	IP	H	K
38-36	2.90	411	13	80	1	660	530	462



## Dr. Robert Koob University President

Robert Koob, a Northern Iowa alumnus, returned to his alma mater in August, 1995, as its eighth president. A 1962 graduate of then-State College of Iowa, the Iowa State Board of Regents named Koob president on July 1, 1995.

Koob was a senior vice president and vice president for academic affairs at California Poly-San Luis Obispo, Calif., from 1990-1995. Prior to his position at Cal Poly, he served as vice president of academic affairs at North Dakota State from 1985-90 and spent 1987-88 as interim president.

At Cal Poly, Koob was director and chair of the Cal Poly Foundation and served on a number of CSU system committees, including the CSU Commission on Telecommunications Infrastructure.

He began his teaching career at North Dakota State in 1967 as an assistant professor of chemistry. He served NDSU in several capacities before assuming the vice presidency, including chair of the chemistry department for six years and acting chair of the department of chemistry, as well as serving as dean of the College of Science and Mathematics from 1981-84.

Koob graduated from SCI with a bachelor's in chemistry and earned his doctorate in chemistry from Kansas in 1967. He and his wife, Yvonne, have seven children.



## Rick Hartzell Director of Athletics



Rick Hartzell, former Director of Athletics and Recreation at Bucknell University, was named Director of Athletics at the University of Northern Iowa last August 9th. The position became available after Chris Ritrievi resigned last May after seven years to accept a position at Michigan State University as Director of Development for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Hartzell had been at Bucknell since 1988, directing a Division I program with 1-AA football consisting of 28 sports. During his tenure, he initiated and completed several building projects costing over \$10 million dollars and guided the department through the NCAA certification and the gender equity review.

Bucknell's football program claimed the Patriot League title in 1996 and was nationally ranked in both 1996 and '97. The men's cross country, wrestling, men's lacrosse and water polo teams reached the Top 20 in the country during Hartzell's reign, and the men's basketball team played in the NCAA Tournament twice.

Additionally, Hartzell directed a \$25 million dollar fundraising effort, and Bucknell ranked first in the nation in the graduation rate of all student-athletes in 1995 and '97, and never ranked lower than fourth in the annual NCAA statistics.

Prior to his appointment at Bucknell, Hartzell was Director of Athletics and Chairman of Physical Education and Recreation at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County from 1985-88, directing a 19-sport program which moved from Division II to Division I during his tenure.

Prior to being named at Baltimore County, he was an Assistant Athletic Director for Football and Men's and Women's Basketball at Northwestern University from 1982-85; was an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Athletics and Assistant Baseball Coach from 1980-82 at the University of Iowa; and an instructor, Assistant Football Coach and Head Baseball Coach from 1977-80 at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Hartzell is no stranger to UNI. He played football and baseball for the Panthers. He received his bachelors degree from UNI in Physical Education and English in 1974, and his masters in Educational Administration from UNI in 1977.

He was a five-sport letterman at Klemme, IA, High School. He has two children -- Nate, 19, and Amanda, 17.



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Management



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Williamson  
Associate AD/  
Compliance



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Licensing &  
Business



Vicki Melnick  
Academic  
Advising



Jim Kramer  
Strength &  
Conditioning



Sloane Tyler  
Athletic Club



Steve Nurse  
Equipment



Linda Wiges  
Baseball  
Secretary



## WATERLOO RIVERFRONT STADIUM

The Panthers have played all their home games at Waterloo Riverfront Stadium since 1993. A 10-minute drive from the Northern Iowa campus, Riverfront was built in 1948 for the Class A Chicago White Sox affiliate, the Waterloo White Hawks. The facility has also housed affiliates of the Cincinnati Reds, Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians and San Diego Padres.

Seating capacity is 4,277, with distances to the double-decked outfield fence measuring 335 down the left- and rightfield lines, 360 in the power alleys and 390 to centerfield.

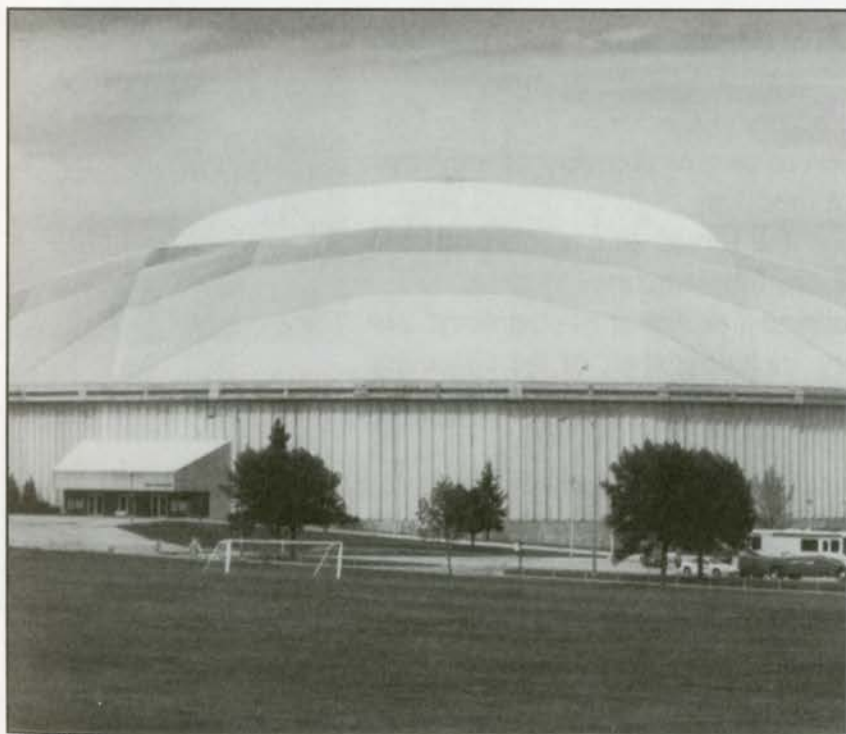
Recent improvements include a new lighting system, major renovations to the field and press box and remodeling of the grandstands and clubhouses.

The press box provides ample seating for newspapers and radio stations, in addition to a deck to accommodate television.

The facility also serves as the home to the Waterloo Bucks, a member of the Northwoods League. The Bucks were 1999 South Division champions and have featured current and past Panther players such as Scott Schirmer, Ben Fjelland, Luke Sabers, Scott Brickman, Ryan Jacobs, David Parra, Todd Rima, Kevin Sawatzky and Gabe Wycoff. This summer Josh Habel, Nic Ungs and Ryan Brunner have signed on to play for the Bucks.



Waterloo Riverfront Stadium.



The UNI-Dome is the Panthers home during the winter and early spring season. The team can do everything but hit live in the facility.

### DIRECTIONS TO

#### WATERLOO RIVERFRONT STADIUM

**From Cedar Falls:** Follow Hudson Road, the street that runs north and south along the UNI-Dome, north to First Street.

At First Street, turn right, and take that street out of town. First Street turns into Highway 218. Exit 218 on Ansborough and turn left.

At the second stoplight, turn left on to Conger Street. Go left to the stop sign, and turn right onto Burton Avenue.

The stadium will be on your left.

**From Waterloo:** Follow Highway 20 to 380/218 North. Take 218 North to the Downtown turnoff. At Fourth Street, turn right, and continue through downtown Waterloo to Franklin Street.

On Franklin, which turns into Broadway, turn left and continue until Park Road. There will be a Kentucky Fried Chicken on your right.

At the stoplight, turn left on Park Rd. Follow Park Rd. for about one-half to three-quarters of a mile, going past the cemetery. The stadium will be on your right.





The University of Northern Iowa emphasizes outstanding undergraduate education, with complementary graduate programs at the master's, specialist's and doctoral levels.

Building on its historic strength in teacher education, the University has developed a number of outstanding programs in its colleges of Business, education, Humanities and Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. UNI also participates in the bachelor of liberal studies program offered by the Regents Universities, and its Division of Continuing Education and Special Programs sponsors classes off-campus in centers throughout the state. Enrollment on its 860-acre campus stands at about 13,000 students from every county in Iowa, 40 states and 48 foreign countries.

UNI's heritage and philosophy place great value on providing a student-centered educational experience. The University nurtures a premiere learning environment — it is small enough to offer its students individualized attention, yet large enough to provide a variety of resources, as well as distinguished faculty. The University prides itself on its reputation as a great teaching school, and most courses are taught by one of more than 600 full-time faculty members who are committed to helping stu-

dents grow intellectually and personally.

UNI was founded in 1876 as the Iowa State Normal School. In 1909, it became Iowa State Teachers College. In 1961, the name was changed to State College of Iowa, and in 1967, the Iowa Legislature acted to change the status of the institution to that of a university under its present title.

**The UNI Athletic teams led the Missouri Valley Conference in graduation rate in a 1998 study published by the *Des Moines Register*.**

While maintaining its primary emphasis on teacher education, the University has continued its metamorphosis into a comprehensive institution, with nationally acclaimed programs in many disciplines. UNI's accounting program continues to be ranked among the best in the nation. UNI student groups ranging from chemistry to conservation to public relations have been recognized by their respective national groups for the excellence of the University's programs.

UNI's academic reputation has proven a key factor in its selection to *U.S. News and World Reports* rankings. The school

## The University of Northern Iowa — Where Great Teaching Makes the Difference

was named among the Midwest's finest institutions. In 1996, UNI was the only public institution among the magazine's top 15 regional universities. UNI received a "1" rating in academic reputation, the highest of any of the top 15 universities in the Midwest region. Other recent issues have named UNI the Midwest's most efficient regional university and first in "best value," as well as an overall "best," "best buy," "up and coming" and "most efficient."

UNI's outreach also extends to the Iowa business community through the College of Business Administration, including the Institute for Decision Making, Small Business Development Center, Small Business Institute, Management and Professional Development Center, Strategic Marketing Services and Business and Community Services. The Iowa Plastics Technology Center and the Center for Applied Research in Metal Casting are among UNI's newest service programs designed to diversify, expand and strengthen Iowa's economy.

In the global arena, UNI's acclaimed Orava Project helps democratize the educational system in the former communist country of Slovakia. As well, student teachers from UNI serve in over 20 countries throughout the world.

UNI offers a wide variety of cultural programs, lectures and conferences. The Continuing Education division, often in conjunction with the University's Office of Conference and Visitor Services, works with business and industry in programs of study and development on the campus.



# 2000 Northern Iowa Baseball Schedule

Thurs., Feb. 17	vs. Northwestern (at Oakland A's Spring Training Tournament)	Phoenix, Ariz.	4 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 18	vs. Portland (at Oakland A's Spring Training Tournament)	Phoenix, Ariz.	4 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 19	vs. Nevada (at Oakland A's Spring Training Tournament)	Phoenix, Ariz.	1 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 20	vs. Washington (at Oakland A's Spring Training Tournament)	Phoenix, Ariz.	5 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 29	vs. North Dakota (at Metrodome)	Minneapolis, Minn.	8 a.m.
Fri. Mar. 3	vs. Wright State (at Louisville Tournament)	Louisville, Kent.	3 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 4	at Louisville (at Louisville Tournament)	Louisville, Kent.	1 p.m.
Sun. Mar. 5	vs. Kent State (at Louisville Tournament)	Louisville, Kent.	11 a.m.
Thurs., Mar. 9	vs. Bethune-Cookman (at Florida Baseball Jamboree)	Daytona Beach, Fla.	1 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 10	vs. St. Joseph's (at Florida Baseball Jamboree)	Daytona Beach, Fla.	6:30 p.m.
Sat. Mar. 11	vs. Fordham (at Florida Baseball Jamboree)	Daytona Beach, Fla.	1 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 12	vs. Pennsylvania (at Florida Baseball Jamboree)	Daytona Beach, Fla.	6 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 13	vs. Fordham (at Florida Baseball Jamboree)	Daytona Beach, Fla.	6 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 14	vs. Bethune-Cookman (at Florida Baseball Jamboree)	Daytona Beach, Fla.	1 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 17	at Illinois State*	Normal, Ill.	3 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 18	at Illinois State* (DH)	Normal, Ill.	1 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 19	at Illinois State*	Normal, Ill.	Noon
Tue., Mar. 21	<b>Simpson</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Wed., Mar. 22	<b>Minnesota State-Mankato</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Fri., Mar. 24	<b>SW Missouri State*</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Sat., Mar. 25	<b>SW Missouri State* (DH)</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Sun., Mar. 26	<b>SW Missouri State*</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Tue., Mar. 28	at Western Illinois	Macomb, Ill.	2 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 31	<b>Creighton*</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Sat., Apr. 1	<b>Creighton* (DH)</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Sun., Apr. 2	<b>Creighton*</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Tue., Apr. 4	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
Fri., Apr. 7	at Wichita State*	Wichita, Kan.	7 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 8	at Wichita State* (DH)	Wichita, Kan.	2 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 9	at Wichita State*	Wichita, Kan.	1 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 11	<b>Western Illinois</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Wed., Apr. 12	at Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	3 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 15	at Bradley* (DH)	Peoria, Ill.	1 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 16	at Bradley* (DH)	Peoria, Ill.	1 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 18	<b>Winona State</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Wed., Apr. 19	<b>Iowa State</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Fri., Apr. 21	<b>Evansville*</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sat., Apr. 22	<b>Evansville* (DH)</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
Sun., Apr. 23	<b>Evansville*</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Tue., Apr. 25	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	3 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 26	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Fri., Apr. 28	at Indiana State*	Terre Haute, Ind.	6 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 29	at Indiana State* (DH)	Terre Haute, Ind.	2 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 30	at Indiana State*	Terre Haute, Ind.	Noon
Fri., May 5	<b>Southern Illinois*</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sat., May 6	<b>Southern Illinois* (DH)</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
Sun., May 7	<b>Southern Illinois*</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Tue., May 9	at Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	6:30 p.m.
Sat., May 13	<b>Rockhurst</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sun., May 14	<b>Rockhurst</b>	<b>Waterloo, Iowa</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
May 17-20	at MVC Tournament	Wichita, Kan.	TBA

All Times Central \* indicates Missouri Valley Conference game

Home games played at Waterloo Riverfront Stadium and are listed in bold





